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Father claims funding for horror crash survivor may be halted early

# CASH FEAR O **SON'S REHA**

**Exclusive by Tim Spiers** 

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FATHER whose 10-year-old boy nearly died in a car accident has criticised

weeks.

Health experts expected Josh to show little or no improvement in the next year, but the young-ster defied all odds to make phenomenal progress. Mr Birchill claims that despite medical staff in Tadworth saying Joshua still needs to finish his six-month stint to make a full recovery, Walsall PCT is reviewing funding for the final two months.





Josh unconscious the day after his accident in a photograph released by his family

Josh unconscious the day after his accident in a photograph released by his family saying Josh needs to finish his six months, so why isn't Walsall listening?" Mr Birchill said. "They're miracle workers there, and what they've done for Josh has been remarkable. He has had to be taught everything again from scratch – how to breathe, to talk, to swallow. "If he comes home now it'd be too soon, and I'm not having anything put his recovery at risk." "We're talking about the difference between my son being classed as disabled or leading a normal life but it's all about money to them. "They're happy to make life-changing decisions without knowing what's happening at Tadworth." Mr Birchill also said that health advisers from Walsall had failed to attend a single fortnightly meeting on Josh's condition until Walsall North MP David Winnick contacted them about the issue last month.

In five weeks, Mr Birchill has already raised £25,000 through various donations and has organised events to help raise the remaining £20,000 he needs to keep Josh at The Children's Trust, including a JoshFest music night at the River Rooms, Stourbridge, on November 20. He is also selling wristbands for £1.50 to boost the appeal.

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year

Devoted dad John Birchill with Josh

First faltering steps for plucky Josh Dudley, aged 10

# Nicole's birthday is at 11.11 on November 11

FEW people know to the exact. Second. World. War, and, saw minute when they were born, but one Walsall teenager whose 17th birthday is tomorrow (Friday) will never forget hers.

birthday is tomorrow (Friday) for three months. Will never forget hers.

Nicole Lowe, of Kingsley Street, was born at 11.11pm on November 11 and as well as celebrating her birthday she makes a point of marking Remembrance Sunday every year.

Her great-grandfather, David Higgins, was a Para during the

Second World War and saw action in Burma where he became cut off from his regiment

Remaining

A spokeswana for NHS Walsall said the review was scheduled for later this week and a decision would be made afterwards.

"NHS Walsall has always given a commitment to funding care based on clinical needs and inbuilt reviews at regular intervals is one way to ensure this," she added.

Mr Birchill is now trying to raise the £45,000 himself so Josh, who can still only walk 20ft at a time and has short-term memory problems, can stay at Tadworth.

He said that continued care was "vital" and that Josh's Walsall home is not modified for wheelchair use.

"The experts at The Children's Trust are

# Joy as Olympic torch heads to town

LONDON 2012 supremo Lord Coe has issued a rallying cry to Walsall townsfolk to get involved as the Olympic torch passes through the borough next year.

Walsall, Bloxwich, Leamore and Willenhall will all see the torch pass through on Saturday, June 30, with thousands expected to line the streets. Details will not be released until closer to the time, but council chiefs in Walsall say they will be holding events

lenhall will act as host locations for the Olympic Flame, extending an invitation to people in Walsall to welcome the Olympic Torch Relay during its journey around the UK.

"This is the UK's moment to shine and I want to encourage people across Walsall to start planning how they can be part of this once in a lifetime opportunity and show their support for the inspirational torchbearers chosen to carry the Olympic Flame."

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# Wi-fi for bus passengers to surf net

BUS passengers in Walsall will be able to surf the internet on laptop computers and smartphones under radical upgrades of the traffic control network in the West Midlands.

As part of a £160,000-a-year plan to replace cables with wireless internet, council chiefs are considering proposals to open up the network to the public, meaning buses would be able to offer access.

Plans to use wi-fi could cut the annual costs of the network by up to £200,000 a year, transport chiefs said.

The main purpose of the wireless network will be for monitoring traffic, running the CCTV network and operating traffic lights. But there is also the opportunity to make it available to bus passengers.

## **Established**

Established

John Anderson, chairman of the Chief Engineers and Planning Officers Group based at transport authority Centro, said car manufacturers were trying to get internet-enabled vehicles on to the road.

"What is good for the private car is also good for public transport. The urban traffic control major scheme wireless network provides potential for public transport to be internet enabled so that the driver can leave his car and by using public transport use the journey time productively to surf the web.

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"Once established, apart from maintenance of equipment, there is no ongoing revenue cost for the wireless network."

The scheme could go live in 2015.
Running the combined network would cost the councils of the West Midlands – Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall, Birmingham, Coventry and Solihull – £200,000 a year between them.

# Meera chats to PM over Diwali

A WALSALL funeral director was invited to Downing Street to celebrate the Hindu festival of Diwali. Meera Bhanot, who runs Walsall Asian Funerals, in Pleck Road, spoke to David Cameron at a reception.

As the youngest female Asian meral director in the country, the 6-year-old said she was delighted o receive a personal invitation to elebrate the festival.

The event was also held to

## Conventional

Ms Bhanot, of Sheridan Street, Pleck, who has been running her business for 18 months, said she had a chance to speak briefly to Mr Cameron on ways to encourage

young people and Indian women into work.

Walsall-born Meera said: "It was an honour to be invited to Downing Street and to meet Mr Cameron.

"He was well aware of the cultural importance of the Diwali Festival within our community. I had chance to speak to him about encouraging more young Indian women and youngsters to enter into different jobs which might not be conventional."



# Harassed neighbour labelled 'paedophile'

A WOMAN was evicted from her Walsall home after repeat-

A WOMAN was evicted from her Walsall home after repeatedly calling one of her neighbours a paedophile when he put up CCTV cameras to monitor her anti-social behaviour. Carol Elmore harassed David Corser, who lived opposite her in Tyler Road, Willenhall, over a period of five months, Walsall magistrates were told. The 37-year-old, now of Gipsy Lane, Willenhall, had denied charges of harassment and was due to stand trial last Thursday. Instead, she pleaded guilty to an alternative harassment charge. Mr Van French, prosecuting, said: "The Corser family have owned this former council home for a number of years.

"They then began experiencing incidents of anti-social behaviour which caused sufficient upset for Mr Corser. "He sought the assistance of the local authority who provided CCTV to be put on his property. It appears to have led to a misunderstanding. "Elmore began to call Mr Corser a paedophile. She perceived he was filming her children."

When police arrived, Elmore admitted calling Mr Corser a paedophile. Mr French, who applied for a restraining order on Elmore, added: "It caused Mr Corser great distress. It led to the eviction of Elmore."

In mitigation, Mr Julian Derry said it was a misunderstanding and she it was an issunderstanding and she

In mitigation, Mr Julian Derry said it was a misunderstanding and she knew her behaviour had been wrong. The eviction meant Elmore was now living away from her extended family in Tyler Road.

"She was concerned about the filming of children. She went about it in the wrong way," Mr French said.

## Hospital

THE funera. ... mayores was being held today (Inuisday).

Councillor Joan Barton's funeral was taking place at 10am at Christ Church, in Blakenall Heath, followed by a burial service at Willenhall Lawn Cemetery from 11am. Friends and colleagues are welcome to attend both. Mother-of-two Mrs Barton had represented the Birchills-Leamore ward for Labour since May 1998 and was mayoress from 1990 to 1991 when her husband, Councillor Malcolm Barton, was Mayor of Walsall.

Hospital

The case was adjourned for a presentence report to be prepared and Elmore was due back at court yesterday (Wednesday) to be sentenced. Husband Mathew Elmore, 36, was also due to stand trial on harassment charges, but the case was dropped.

Outside court Mr Corser, aged 51. told of his battle with anti-social behaviour since 2003.

He said his car was attacked repeatedly, and bricks and a hammer were thrown at his windows. The grandfather, a part-time caretaker, also had abuse hurled at him.

Mr Corser said: "It started because I told kids to stop kicking a ball at my car and to stop climbing up trees.

"Tve had my car smashed, bricks and a hammer thrown at my window. My car's been done four times in the last six months, with £2,500 damage to it." Mr Corser had hospital treatment after a brick thrown through a window hit his head.

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"Tve been reported to police as a drug dealer and a paedophile, which isn't true. They've tried making out like I'm the bad guy."

# Balloon lad's Swede success



Alumwell Infant School's balloon race winner, four-year-old Thomas Bailey

A Walsall boy is on cloud nine after a balloon he released to celebrate his school's 60th anniversary was found in Sweden Sweden

The winning ticket was returned to Alumwell Infants School from the wn of Ugglarp

## Impressive

The balloon was released by Thomas Bailey, aged four, and was found by John Henriksson. He promptly posted it back to the school in Primley Avenue from Sweden.

The school's business manager

Karen Bennett, said: "We sent about 300 balloons and about 25 labels have been sent back by people who found them. Most have come from places in Yorkshire like Scarborough and we thought that was pretty impressive as we pinned them on our wall map. "Then we had a number come from Denmark, Sweden and Norway. For his efforts Thomas won a camcorder and a gift voucher.

and a gift voucher.

The anniversary event was held in September and featured a special assembly, a Jack and the Beanstalk assembly, a Jack and the puppet show and a picnic.

# **Fans upset** as stadium sell-off is scrapped

WALSALL FC fans expressed their disappointment this week after the Banks's Stadium was taken off the

disappointment this week after the Banks's Stadium was taken off the market.

Selling agents DTZ confirmed that the 11,000-seat stadium and 17 acres of surrounding land has been formally withdrawn from sale, meaning the freehold remains in the hands of owners Suffolk Life.

Neil Ravenscroft, chairman of Walsall Supporters Trust, today said: "We are a little disappointed." It means the uncertainty over the stadium continues because we do not know what will happen next."

Just weeks ago a £4.6 million bid lodged by Stratford-upon-Avon based PMD Magnetics was turned down.

Lifelong fan Geoff Dance, managing director of PMD Magnetics, said: "We had hoped once the possibility of civic involvement had been ruled out that the present owners would look to find abuyer that would allow the site to be held in perpetuity for the benefit of the football club and the town.

## Options

Options

"We heard nothing more until we were later advised that the land and property had been withdrawn from sale."

Mr Dance added: "Throughout the process PMD Magnetics was keen to stress its wish to hold the land in perpetuity for the use of professional football in the town at a venue which also allowed the club to bring in extra income streams through advertising hoardings, Sunday markets and other commercial activities."

There had been calls for Walsall Council to step in to buy the stadium. But council chiefs have ruled it out as they try to make savings.

Walsall FC has just over 17 years left or un on its current lease on the stadium, with options to extend this with rental increases linked to inflation. DTZ has previously said that any sale would only mean a change in the ownership of the freehold and would have no implications on the ownership or operation of the football club.

# Five men accused over brawl at club

FIVE men who were allegedly involved in a brawl in a Bloxwich club have appeared before magistrates. All faced a charge of violent disorder at Walsall Magistrates Court last Thursday. The case relates to an alleged incident at Gunners Club, Old Lane, Bloxwich, on May 28.
Graham Betteley, aged 27, of Dawson Street, Blakenall; Steven Taylor, 25, of Ash Street, Blakenall; Richard Tapper, 24, of Ryle Street, Bloxwich; Dean Michael Wilkes, 23, of Bloxwich Lane, Leamore; and Brian World, 28, of Green Lane, Birchills were given conditional bail until January 5.

No pleas were entered at court.

## Festive fair at church

A CHRISTMAS fair takes place at A CHRISTMAS fair takes place at Broadway United Reformed Church in Walsall on November 26. Visitors can browse stalls selling plants, fancy goods, bric-a-brac, chocolate, toiletries, jewellery, cakes and books from 2pm and entry is free.

# A MAN indecently exposed himself to a woman as she walked in Walsall. West Midlands Police are now appealing for help to trace him. The 29-year-old woman was walking up Springhill Road towards Birmingham Road when the offender crossed the road at the Shell filling station. Anyone who saw what happened or witnessed the man acting suspiciously Anyone who saw what happened or witnessed the man acting suspiciously should call Walsall Police on 0345 113 5000. The victim then crossed the junction and sat on a wall at the top of Birmingham Road.

Alternatively, call Crimestoppers in strict confidence on 0800 555 111. The offender then walked around

Police seeking information

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Carol Elmore, right, outside court Funeral service for

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# Steve roars to the rescue on two wheels

TWO wheels have proven to be better than four for a Walsall paramedic who is using a motorbike to beat the traffic and respond more quickly to emergency calls.

Steve Cooper has joined West Midlands Ambulance Service's motorcycle paramedic unit – boosting the number of bikers to three.

Known to his colleagues as Harry Potter, for apparently resembling the young wizard, the 30-year-old has been responding to

for English

Ofsted praise

class periods

A WALSALL school has been rated as "good" in its teaching of English after an Ofsted inspection.

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Caldmore Community Primary School, in Carless Street, was visited by inspector Bernard Campbell last month and she interviewed staff and pupils and analysed schoolwork.

pupils and analysed schoolwork. In his report, published last week, he said: "Children enter the nursery with poorly developed skills in English.
"By the end of the early years foundation stage, skills in communication, language and literacy are higher than in similar areas although they remain below the national average.

**Ensuring** 

"Teachers' good planning and posi-tive relationships create a healthy classroom environment in which pupils develop confidence in spoken language and extend their vocabu-lary."

lary."

Mr Campbell identified areas of improvement to be ensuring that pupils have more creative and inspiring opportunities to talk and write, and full implementing a new system for monitoring pupils' progress, tackling underachievement and evaluating

Mother shoplifted

mattress covers

A MOTHER of five caught stealing £300-worth of foam mattress covers from a Walsall store has been ordered

Alice Dallaway was with two accom-plices when she took the goods from Dunelm, at Reedswood Retail Park.

to carry out unpaid work.

999 calls in Birmingham city

Gentre. He says riding his specially-equipped Yamaha also allows him access to hard to reach places, such as shopping centres and platforms at rail stations.

## **Ultimate**

Steve, of Green Lane, Shelfield, said: "Responding to 999 calls on two wheels is completely different to being on an ambulance or in a

car. You can ride around pedestrian areas and through traffic congestion, so we have better access.

"If there's a patient at the Bullring in Birmingham we can go in on the bike, and we can also go to platforms at New Street station.
"It's just the ultimate job for megetting paid for riding a motorbike."

Steve, who rides a BMW K1200 S Steve, who rides a BMW K1200 S motorbike in his spare time, admitted having a "wobbly" first few days



eeled paramedic Steve Cooper.

# **Claimant** cheat had £139,000 in savings

A FRAUDSTER from Walsall who pocketed thousands of pounds in benefits despite having £139,000 in savings and plans to invest in the Dubai property market, a court heard.

Phillip Clarke collected £18,345 income support over two-and-a-half vears before the scam was discovered. Miss Laura Culley, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court.

"He was found to have in the region of £139,000 and admitted that this was from the sale of a property. He had tried to invest in property in Dubai but there was a problem.

"He also owns a house in this country," she added.

Mr Chris O'Gorman, defending, said Clarke had invested £90,000 in Dubai but was now left with £4,000 in a savings account.

"The investment came to nothing because the property was not completed. Steps are now being taken to seek authority in Dubai to return the money."

## Ordered

Clarke, aged 43, of Horace Partridge Road, Moxley, who had previous con-victions for offences including dishon-esty, admitted making a false statement to obtain benefit and failing disclose information about his

acapital.

He was given a six-month jail sentence, suspended for two years, and ordered to carry out 150 hours of unpaid work.

Judge John Wait told him: "When you dishonestly made your claim you were stealing from the rest of us—those who honestly pay their taxes to provide benefits for those who do not have the means. You do have the means and greedily decided to have more."

more."
The judge warned that Clarke now faced the prospect of remortgaging or selling his current home to pay back the money he took. A Proceeds of Crime hearing is likely to be held in the new year.

# Beat bobby team has new sergeant

A NEW police sergeant has been added to the Willenhall town centre

A NEW poince sergeant has been added to the Willenhall town centre beat team.

Sgt Mo Shaid has joined the 13-strong team which also covers the Spring Bank and Little London.

He has previously worked in Winson Green and Handsworth, Birmingham.

Sgt Shaid said: "I relish the new challenges and I want people to contact me to say what they feel we should be tackling to make their community and quality of life better.

"My team will be visiting every household in the Willenhall area so that they know who their local police are."

# Doctor accused

A DOCTOR at Walsall Manor Hospital has been suspended for allegedly falsifying some of her qualifications.

Birmingham University graduate Dr Emma Fishleigh was due before the General Medical Council this week accused of falsifying five of her assessments last year and falling to tell her training body and employer.

# Kevin's a fun guy but toadstools are deadly

THE poisonous fly agaric mushroom, commonly known as a toadstool, is flourishing in Walsall's gardens, parks and open spaces, the town's countryside services manager has warned. The mildest autumn for years has led to an abundance of mushrooms

and other fungi across the region, says Kevin Clements – and some are rare examples. Bernice Ashfield, aged 74, discovered an endangered species of mushroom in her back garden at her Stafford home.

The earthstar she found is of the same type discovered on the site of a planned 106-home development in Darlaston last week.

Mr Clements said they were not isolated cases.

lated cases.

More types of fungi have been popping up across the area due to the mild autumn and lack of frost, which can kill it off, he said.

This can also be true of insects like ladybirds, which would normally die during colder weather at this time of year.

ear. He added: "Looking around our sites I would say they are more abundant. It's because of the mild weather.

"The growths in the ground need warm, humid conditions, so a mild autumn is ideal."

## Warming

Mr Clements warned that no one should pick wild mushrooms for eating unless they are expert, as there are several species which are poisonous – such as the fly agaric.

such as the fly agaric.

Dr Roy Protheroe, of the School of
Applied Sciences at Wolverhampton
University, said: "There is a trend
toward increased mushroom growth in recent years and it is speculated that this is due to global warming associ-ated with longer, milder and wetter

Dr Protheroe said the fungi reproduce and disseminate through the release of spores.

"They can then start growing wher-

ever the wind takes them, so long as the conditions are favourable such as wet soil. Fungi play a vital role in the cycling of matter, particularly dead organic matter such as leaf litter."



Rare earthstar-

CONSTRUCTION of a 106-home estate off Richards Street, Darlaston, s facing delays after the discovery of are earthstar mushrooms.

Dunelm, at Reedswood Retail Park.
Dallaway, 29, of Cartbridge Crescent, Coalpool, was sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court after being convicted at a trial, where she had denied theft.

Mr Ekwal Tiwana, defending, said."She got caught up with the other two offenders."
Dallaway was contoned to a 18 Ecologists say no work can begin until plans are drawn up to protect and transfer the unusual fungus.

Mar City Developments has been told the fungus is "unusual and worthy of retention". The firm has now promonth supervision order with 150 duced plans on how to relocate it and hours unpaid work.



Kevin Clements spots a poisonous fly agaric in Shire Oak Park, Walsall

# Amadeus for Grange's 60th

THE Grange Players of Walsall present Amadeus this week to mark their 60th anniversary season.

Dallaway was sentenced to an 18-

their outh anniversary season.
Julie Lomas's production of the 1959
play by Peter Schaffer is set in 1823. In
recalling the decade 1781-91, the court
composer to the Emperor of Austria,
Antonio Salieri, recalls his successful
career, his hatred of Mozart and how he conceived the brilliant young com-

poser's demise. With an obnoxious personality totally incongruous with his musical genius, Mozart died neglected and impoverished while the mediocre Salieri lived on in a blaze of fame and praise.

The 7.45pm show's scheduled run is November 9-19, except Sunday.

Tickets at £9 from www.thegrange playhouse.co.uk or 01922 649168.

## School's gym plea

A SECONDARY school in Walsall is planning to expand its PE department. Shire Oak School, in Brownhills, has applied for permission to create an extension to its existing gym. Plans have been submitted to Walsall Council asking for a 201ft single storey extension to be created at the Lichfield Road school.

The extension will house cardio vas-cular and multi-gym equipment to enhance the facilities on offer.

nity garden spearheaded by a Walsall woman has lost out in a competition for a grant to help fund

A WILD food commu-

But the Nectar Room founder Danielle Jeynes said the project would continue despite missing

Danielle vows to battle on

The scheme set up by mother-of-one Danielle Jeynes, of The Green Energy group, is based in

out on a slice of £500,000 worth of funding under a energy efficiency project linked to the Channel 4 TV show River Cottage.

Pressed

The scheme set up by mother-of-one Danielle preves of The Green ires harvested at the

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WALSALL Manor Hospital
has turned around figures that saw an increase in the amount of patients waiting more than 12 months for treatment. At the end of August, there were 40 people waiting longer than a year, an increase of 207 per cent.
The rise has been put down to an increasing number of patients who need other medical treatment before they are fit for procedures. But bosses have already got the number down.

By the end of September, the number waiting more than 52 the trust has achieved this target to 22 in September 2010.
Walsall Healthcare NHS or deuce the level even more. Divisional director for planned care Angie Wallace said: that got is for 90 per cent of the total number waiting for treatment. National subjects to wait for longer than a year because hospitals rioritise those patients to have received treat within Government than 12 more than 52 the trust has achieved this target overall since its introduction in 2007/08."

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# Fundraiser David is a cut above

A HAIRDRESSER from Willenhall has raised more than £2,000 for charity by taking his salon on the road.

David James, who has a salon in Walsall Wood, has given hair makeovers on the streets of London, Liverpool and Manchester. The 27-year-old has collected donations for several good causes, including Asda's Tickled Pink campaign which raises funds for breast cancer charities.

Mr James, of New Invention, is now looking to take his talents to companies across the UK and give makeovers to employees on their lunch break. The makeovers will be filmed and posted on YouTube, alongside other clips showing the hairdresser at work.

The videos have had thousands of views online.

Mr James, who trained to be a hairdresser at Walsall College and opened his salon David

James Hair Design Studio in Lichfield Road three years ago, said: "I'm looking for people from companies to get in touch with me via my website." I also have a make-up artist on hand to give them that extra magic touch. This will all be filmed and uploaded to my You'lube channel. I want to take my David James lunch break makeover all over the UK."
View the videos online at www.d-james.co.uk



THE first phase of an £800,000 scheme which will improve 11 primary schools across Walsall is being rolled out. Projects include roof work, new windows, drainage replacement and a mobile classroom.

They are being funded from the £4.7 million capital maintenance allowance for 2011/12. Roofing work has started at Woodlands Primary in Willenhall, while contractors have begun working on electrical rewiring at St Bernadette's Catholic Primary in Brownhills. Work on all schools is expected to be completed before the end of the Easter holidays in April next year. Woodlands Primary is one of eight schools benefitting from a share of £616,000.

Other schools where work is being tendered include Busil Jones Primary in Bloswich, Pinfold Street JMI in Darlaston. Butts Primary, Harden Primary, New Invention Infants and Junior and Rushall JMI.

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary is one of the other three schools benefitting from work totalling £210,104.

## Hopeful

Hopeful
Projects are also planned for St
Mary's of the Mount Catholic Primary
and Blue Coat CE Performing Arts
Specialist College, both in Walsall.
Councillor Rachel Andrew, Walsall
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to the roofing at Woodlands Primary and
work has commenced on the electrical
rewiring at St Bernadette's Catholic
Primary. Other improvements at
schools we have identified will be
subject to the tendering process."
Several other schools have already
been given cash for improvements,
with £180,000 given to Delves Infant
and Junior and £200,000 to Darlaston's Kings Hill Primary to replace the
heating systems.
Elsewhere around £180,000 went

ton's Kings Hill Frimary to replace the heating systems. Elsewhere, around £180,000 went on an upgrade of the art block at Joseph Leckie Community Technology College and £80,000 was given to Wil-lenhall School Sports College.

# Architect plans win top award

Win top award

ARCHITECTS tasked with designing a £65million regeneration project in Walsall have received a top award.

Designers at Cannock-based SP Faizeey have won praise for their plans for the Waterfront South canalside complex which included apartments, houses and commercial premises.

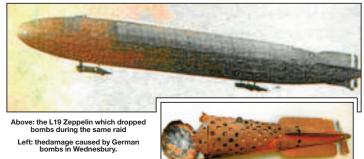
They are by the Town Arm canal near Walsall's Art Gallery. Waterfront South scooped an award at the Southern Staffordshire Design Awards held on October 19. It won the category for a UK scheme designed by an architect based in southern Staffordshire.

Firm founder Steve Faizey said the company was delighted to receive the accolade. He said: "It's good news for my team and clients that our efforts in design and quality are rewarded."

## Speedy driver fined

AMANDA Jane Allen, aged 35, of Whitehorse Road, Walsall, was fined £35 with £60 costs, £15 victim sur-charge and endorsed three points on her driving licence by Cannock magis-trates for speeding in Hednesford.





# Zeppelin bomb that caused carnage is put on display

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T WAS a terrifying night 95 years ago when Walsall and other parts Lof the Black Country had their first experience of air raids.

experience of air raids.

Incendiary bombs weighing 20lbs was dropped on January 31, 1916, during attacks which left 35 people dead.

The casing from one bomb believed to have been dropped on Walsall is now on display at the

oeen gropped on Waisall is now on display at the town's museum, accompanied by other artefacts which help tell the story of how Tipton, Bradley, Wednesbury and Walsall were bombed by two giant Zeppelins.

The first airship to strike was the L21 Zeppe-lin measuring 5858 long and 616 in diameter.

The first airship to strike was the L21 Zeppelin, measuring 585ft long and 61ft in diameter and commanded by Max Dietrich – a relative of legendary singer and actress Marlene Dietrich. The bomb landed on Wednesbury Road Congregational Church, Walsall, but nobody was killed, while another landed in Bradford Place, claiming three lives including Walsall's Mayoress, May Julia Slater.

## Lost

She was a passenger on the 16 tram when a bomb hit, and suffered severe wounds to the chest and abdomen. She was taken to hospital and died on February 20.

Walsall's Cenotaph now stands on the spot where that bomb landed. The airships of the Imperial German Navy had lost their way earlier that evening. Jennifer Thomson, Walsall Museum curator, said: "They were intending to bomb Liverpool, but it was dark and foggy and they had lost their bearings.

"They bombed Wednesbury and various other places. The bombs dropped by the L19 hit Wednesbury, Dudley, Tipton and Walsall. One of them fell in the Pleck area and killed a horse and pigs."



Walsall Museum's community history curator Jennifer Thomson with the 20lb German incendiary bomb dropped on the Black Country of leaded window from the damaged Wednesbury Road Congregational Church. In Tipton, three high explosive bombs were dropped on Waterloo Street and Union Street, quickly followed by three incendiaries in Bloomfield Road and Barnfield Road.

The Mayoress of Walsall, Mary Julia Slater, who died three weeks after a German bomb hit a tram

after a German bomb hit a tram

Britain. "The device no longer contains any explosive elements and is completely safe."

Following the January 31 raid, Max Dietrich returned to base at Nordholz, Germany, after covering more than 1,000 miles in just under 24 hours. The L21 Zeppelin was shot down in November that year. Odo Loewe, who had commanded the L19 Zeppelin, steered a course for home following the bombings, but was hit crossing the Norfolk coast and fell into the North Sea. Walsall's Zeppelin Raid display is at the Lichfield Street museum until December 3.



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# Pupils work up perfect storm on drums

MUSIC-minded pupils were told to beat it at a Walsall primary school. Youngsteers took part in a samba drumming and percussion workshop at Brownhills West Primary School. Pupils used a variety of instruments during the session at the Shannon Drive school, and performed for parents in a special assembly.

Thief spotted

escaping in female jeans

Criminal

Shops and flats

plan for old pub

ATROUBLE-HIT Walsall pub which shut earlier this year could be transformed into shops and flats. Developers are hoping to give the George, on the corner of High Street and Elmore Row, a new lease of life by turning it into two shops and two flats. A planning amplication submitted to

turning it into two shops and two flats. A planning application submitted to Walsall Council, drawn up by agents Walker Associates, says: "The building in question was a public house until earlier this year when it was finally closed down after being the source of a number of disturbances over a period of time. It has a certain character which would be worth preserving but is now in a relatively run-down state.

"The area would benefit from the changes now proposed which would ensure the building is retained and upgraded and used in a more responsible manner."

on matches this season.
For each game, a pupil from Shelfield Community Academy will be asked to provide a 500-word report on the match. They will also get the chance to attend the after-match press conference. The report then appears on www.saddlers.co.uk. Walsall FC

New goal for young writers

"The noise that the whole school made when performing was amazing.
"The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and acquired some superb percussion skills and knowledge about the origins of samba drumming."
The school also held a pumpkin competition to celebrate Halloween. Almost 100 pumpkins were judged at the annual event and the winners

were Jessica Stanton, aged 10, Nathan Chilton, six, Adam Chilton, seven, Jamie Tristram, six, Brandon Tristram, seven, Charlie Scott, nine, and Taylor Couphlin four Coughlin, four

## Designing

Mr Cox added: "The children and parents had obviously spent a huge amount of time at home designing and carving and there have been some wonderfully

imaginative entries." The pumpkins were lit and dis-played outside the school before pupils enjoyed a Halloween Disco.

Disco.

• Pictured drumming are Cory Reid, aged 10, Demi Anderson, nine, Nathan Adams, 11, Adam Toddington, 11, George Quirk, 10, Jake Fletcher, 10, Karter Singh, six, Kinara Kaur, six, Micah Patten, eight, and Alana Rose, eight.



# **Tragedy of care home** worker struck by bike

A HOUSEKEEPER who was in collision with a motorcycle outside her place of work near Bloxwich died as a result of a

AMAN stole a woman worker's jeans from Walsall Manor Hospital and put them on before fleeing, a court heard. Jeff Davis, aged 25, sneaked into an unlocked staffroom and took the clothing worth £10. He was seen on the hospital's CCTV wearing them, Walsall magistrates were told last week.

Maxine Jarrouse-Jones, prosecuting, said: "It was about 6pm on September 11 when the defendant entered the staffroom, removed a pair of jeans belonging to a member of staff. He then walked out wearing the clothing." "tragic accident", an inquest has heard. Carol Cooper, aged 61, of Leacroft Lane, Churchbridge, Cannock, had just got off a bus in Walsall Road, Newtown, and was crossing to Lake-side Residential Home when the accident happened on February 9. Davis, of Providence Lane, Leamore, admitted theft of jeans belonging to Roxanne Williams.

He also admitted theft of lead from South Staffordshire Water, in Green Lane, two bottles of spirits worth £42 from Asda, Woodhall Street, Bloxwich, and attempted burglary at a property in Pelsall Lane, Rushall.

She said Davis was recalled prison for breach of a conditional discharge in September for an offence of criminal damage. Magistrate James Hayward sentenced Davis to 30 weeks' jail.

An inquest was told that she died of head and chest injuries. Andrew Haigh, Coroner for South Staffordshire, recorded a verdict of accidental death. The inquest at Cannock last week was told that she may not have seen the motor-

**Black Country** COUNCIL chiefs are being asked to

COUNCIL chiefs are being asked to approve plans to share a coroner between four Black Country boroughs. Until now Walsall, Dudley and Sandwell have shared the Black Country Coroner, Mr Robin Balmain, and Wolverhampton has had its own Mr Richard Allen, the Wolverhampton Coroner, retired recently. Under the plans, Dudley Council would become the lead authority in terms of administration of the coroner service, while Sandwell would provide accommodation for Mr Balmain.

Caseload

cyclist, who was travelling between two cars, or she may have been dis-tracted by some sweets found on the Coroner-share proposed for

tracted by some sweets found on the ground.
Phillip Steatham, aged 63, was riding the motorbike that hit Mrs Cooper. He had his lights on and was wearing fluorescent clothing.
His evidence stated: "It was dark, but not totally as it was just starting to get light. As I passed Freemasons pub I was aware of something moving quickly towards me from the left hand side but I did not know what it was.
"The next thing was, a woman was

"The next thing was, a woman was in the road and I was lying on the road."

## Sudden

Sudden

Mr Steatham added: "Due to the sudden nature of the incident I did not have time to sound my horn. She probably did not see me between two cars." Pc Mark Mould, of Staffordshire Police, said: "It may be the pedestrian has not seen the motorist because the motorcycle was between two vehicles." Sgt Anthony Richards said: "There is one unexplained circumstance at the seen. There was a packet of Rolos on the side nearest to the kerb and a single Rolo in the carriageway. "We cannot attribute that to Mrs Cooper but it is possible that may have been a distraction to Mrs Cooper."

The coroner said: "This death results from a genuine tragic accident."

A report to councillors said: "The proposed merger is anticipated to achieve a saving of approximately £5,000 to Walsall Council. However, this is dependent on the number of caseload referrals to the coroner which result in post mortem examination." A merger would have to be agreed by the Ministry of Justice.

The Black Country Coroner has a caseload of more than 3,000 reported deaths a year. The Wolverhampton Coroner's post was part-time, with a caseload of 1,300 deaths a year.

# Man accused over duty on cigarettes

WALSALL FC has teamed up with a brough secondary school to provide youngsters with the chance to report on matches this season. For each game, a pupil from Shelfield Community Academy will be asked to provide a 500-word report on the match. They will also get the chance to attend the after-match press conference. The report then appears on www.saddlers.co.uk. Walsall FC

AWALSALL man was due to appear in court today (Thursday) accused of with being involved in harbouring millions of cigarettes which evaded duty of about £1 million.

Kelvin Flett, aged 32, of Westminster Road, Rushall, is also accused of dangerous driving. Mr David Kelly prosecuting, told Walsall magistrates last Thursday that customs investigators found three million cigarettes when they raided Newlands Farm, Sutton Coldfield, and three million more at an industrial unit in Smith Road, Wednesbury, in early 2006.

# Dancers' sporting chance



Madeleine Smith, front, and Amber Millard prepare to open the World Trampoline Championships being held in Birmingham with their dance routine

TWO Walsall schoolgirls who love to

TWO Walsall schoolgris who love to dance had their dreams come true when they were invited to perform at an international sports event.

Twinkle-toed Amber Millard, aged nine, and Madeleine Smith, eight, attend Ryders Hayes Primary School, in Gilpin Crescent, Pelsall, and have been selected to dance in the opening ceremony of the World Trampoline and Tumbling Championships next

month. The event will be held at Birm-

month. The event will be held at Birmingham MIA and is a qualifying event for London 2012.

The girls train at Walsall Academy of Dance in Butts Street, Butts.
Principal Christa Collard, said the pair were committed dancers and had excelled in their lessons.

Their Flight, Dance of the Skies routine is based on the history of aviation.

# Fly-tippers charging families to take refuse

ROGUE rubbish collectors are charging residents up to £30 to remove waste in Bloswich and Brownhills and then illegally dumping it around the borough, council bosses have revealed. Householders have been approached by conmen who claim they can professionally dispose of any rubbish. They knock on doors and offer to remove large items of waste for a small fee of £20 or £30 but then illegally dump it on public land—leaving the council to clean up.

Environment chiefs spent £165,814 on clearing and disposing of rubbish around the borough between April 2010 and March 2011. In just 12 months, the council launched 152 flytipping investigations and served 74 waste enforcement notices.

Walsall Council has vowed to crack down on rogue traders and is preparing to take four people allegally involved in fly-tipping to court. Councillor Zahid Ali, cabinet member for communities and partnerships, said: This is a problem not just in Walsall but for the whole of the West Midlands.

## Conmen

"The men drive around the community in flat bed trucks looking for houses with rubbish that clearly requires removal or disposal. This might seem like a tempting offer to the residents and so they accept the offer and then the person loads the rubbish, pockets the cash and drives to the nearest quiet cul-de-sac or industrial estate and fly-tips the load," he said. Residents are urged not to confuse commen with genuine contractors who would always leave a waste disposal transfer note.

Councillor Ali added: "We would urge residents to be on the lookout for these people and supply us with registration details, in confidence, of any vehicles involved."

vehicles involved."

It comes after it emerged undercover cameras have been installed at six sites across Walsall as part of the ongoing war against fly-tipping. Atotal of £1,377 has been spent on the new

# Road at college set to be gritted

A SCHOOL road in Willenhall has been added to Walsall Council's gritting schedule after a plea from the head teacher and councillors last year. Furzebank Way, home to Willenhall Sports College, will be gritted this year when freezing weather hits the region. Head teacher Vicki Till announced the news in her monthly letter to parents. She said: "This should help us greatly in our efforts to keep the school open.

open.

Furzebank Way can be particularly treacherous in conditions of snow and ice, making access dangerous, even for emergency vehicles, which is a factor when assessing risk for school opening."

# Allotments charge

A WALSALL man has been charged with handling goods allegedly stolen from allotments. Matthew Spooner, aged 31, of Bur-rowes Street, appeared at Walsall Magistrates Court last week where he denied the charge, which dates back to September 4 this year.

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# Rugby club opens parking for school

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PARKING problems during the
school run are being tackled after
Willenhall Rugby Club agreed to
open its car park for parents collecting and dropping off pupils.
Staffordshire Police has
worked to create the plan to
combat jams in Essington surrounding St John's Primary
School. The pilot project was
launched last week after school
crossing warden Geoff Owen
agreed to open up and lock the
rugby club car park in Bognop
Road each day.
PCSO Karen Willis helped to
organise the move following complaints from villagers about the
parking problems outside the
school.
She said: "Hopefully this will

school.

She said: "Hopefully this will reduce a lot of the congestion around the school and ease the traffic flow in the village.

## Permanent

"I would like to say a big thank you to the rugby club and school for their assistance in arranging this trial."

this trial."

St John's headteacher Stuart
Ayres said the pilot scheme had
gone well so far and he hoped that
more parents would use the car

more parents would use the car park.

If it is a success, it is hoped that the move will become permanent.

"We are grateful to Willenhall Rugby Club for their generosity in letting parents use this facility.
"It is another example of different parts of the community in Essington working together.
"I would like to thank Karen Willis for her work in setting up this scheme and Geoff Owen, who is willing to open and lock the gates each day."

Mr Ayres said the more parents who used the car park, the fewer streets near the school would be cluttered by cars.



# Emergency midwife Vickie delivers her infant grandson

GEMMA Smith had been planning the

birth of her new baby for weeks.

The 17-year-old had worked out the best route to Walsall Manor Hospital from Dorsett Road, Wednesbury, and had an overnight bag packed and ready to the

to go.

Her carefully laid plans were left in disarray as she went in to labour early, with her mother Vickie Smith, forced to act as midwife.

## **Amazing**

Vickie calmly stepped in to help deliver baby Logan at home. "I do not know what I would have done if it was not for her," said Gemma. "I felt the pain and thought it was nothing.

"Then before I knew it Logan was meining there and then. But Mum talked methrough it. If it had not been for her I don't know what I would have done." Vickie, a carer, said: "Gemma said she had sharp pains so I suggested she have a bath and then take a lie down. "But then I went into the bedroom and that was it, I knew this was no false alarm." Gemma's father. Steven, rang 999 while Vickie urged her daughter to push. Logan was born just after 8.45pm on Monday, October 31, weighing 8lb. "Just as he was born the paramedics arrived," said Vickie. "It was amazing how quickly he came out. It took about five minutes."



# Your say on council budgets

WALSALL townsfolk are

WALSALL townsfolk are being offered the chance to help "spend" £246 million on public services. The council has designed a budget calculator allow people to say how the authority's annual budget should be spent. The deadline for respond-ing has now been extended to 10am next Monday, November 14.

November 14.
Hundreds have already,
Hundreds have already
taken part in the exercise,
and the council hopes to
encourage many more to
have a go at setting spending priorities.

## **Demands**

Demands
Respondents can adjust spending up or down in 17 different areas, which mirror council services, using a £246m budget.
Councillor Chris Towe, finance and personnel chief, said: "With growing demands on services and budgets being squeezed, it's important that our budget accurately reflects the needs and wants of local people."
Visit www.walsall.gov.uk/budget\_simulator to take part.

# Cornish art is on display

A FORMER student at Walsall Art School is the focus of an exhibition at the town's New Art Gallery

until later this month.

Graham Benton's work
has been inspired by his
trips to St Ives, in Cornwall,
which he first started in

The paintings by Mr Benton, who regularly leads painting trips to the seaside town, will be on display until November 26.

# **Battle to keep** alive trust for 1908 disaster

which was set up in memory of 26 men who died in a pit disaster in Great Barr fear the miners' story could be lost forever if they do not recruit more

The chairman of the Hamstead Miners' Memorial Trust, Tony Ward, says they now only have five members and if younger

Reg Hackett, Tony Fowler, Tony Ward and Frank Forster, the trust team, with mementoes of the 1908 tragedy

Outdoor cafe for town street

egated powers and is set to

be monitored to ensure it

A STREET cafe is to open in Walsall after council chiefs gave their backing. It will run outside Dino's

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recruits are not found, the organisation could close. The trust was set up in 2002 to create a lasting memorial to the men who lost their lives in the disaster.

On March 4, 1908, a fire started near the bottom of the downcast shaft at the colliery at around 5am. The cause of the blaze was believed to be candles stored in a wooden box. Of the 31 miners in the nit just six escandel.

pit, just six escaped. Rescue efforts failed and Rescue efforts failed and it took a week for the fumes to clear. Twenty-six men died, including a rescuer.

Mr Ward said the trust aimed to teach both young and old in the community

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and old in the community about the region's mining history and the disaster.
"Many young people just don't know about the miners. They don't know what a dangerous and hard job it was.

## Museum

"When we go into schools, the pupils are always fascinated, they want to know what it was like."

In 2003 the trust funded a memorial at the junction of Hamstead Road and Old Walsall Road, and started creating a museum at the Tanhouse Centre.

Mr Ward said: "We want this work to continue, but our numbers are small and we need young blood. If we don't find more people I worry that the memory of these miners will just fade away."

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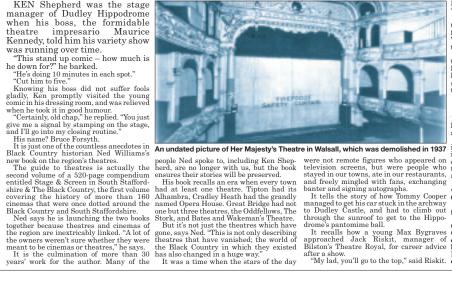
Dudley Hippodrome stage manager Ken Shepherd with Beryl Reid in the theatre's stalls, in a 1975 photograph



/illiams at Wolverhampton Odeon in a photo taken 82 for the launch of his previous book on cinemas

# Setting the stage on region's star theatres

KEN Shepherd was the stage manager of Dudley Hippodrome when his boss, the formidable theatre impresario Maurice Kennedy, told him his variety show



He then pointed to Bygraves's head, adding: "Don't let this get too big."
While the theatre book looks at no fewer than 100 venues, Ned makes no apology for focusing on the Dudley Hippodrome and Wolverhampton Grand, which dominated

woivernampion Grand, which dominates the entertainment scene for decades. "Dudley Hippodrome was a wonderful theatre, and its story deserves to be told. It had a national profile. The Grand in Wolverhampton is equally important, but it has survived and it provides our living connection to the world of provincial theatre."

## Characters

The Hippodrome closed as a theatre in 1964 and was later used as a bingo hall, but has been lying empty for the last two years, and was recently bought by Dudley Council. Ned fears the worst for its future. 'I think

and was recently bought by Diddey Counter, Welf fears the worst for its future. 'I think it could have a future if someone was imaginative enough to link it with the zoo, the castle and the Black Country Museum, and state and signing autographs.

It tells the story of how Tommy Cooper managed to get his car stuck in the archway to Dudley Castle, and had to climb out through the sunroof to get to the Hippodrome's pantomine ball.

It recalls how a young Max Bygraves approached Jack Riskit, manager of Bilston's Theatre Royal, for career advice after a show.

"My lad, you'll go to the top," said Riskit.

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# Richard, 91, sets his sights high for Poppy Appeal

A TIRELESS fundaiser who was given an MBE for his hard work within Walsall is hoping or raise tens of thou ands of pounds for this car's Poppy Appeal.

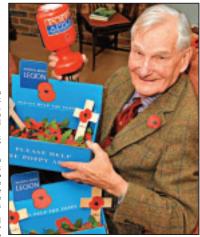
David Partridge is presi-leading to the clubs in the area," he said.

A TIRELESS fundraiser who was given an MBE for his hard work within Walsall is hoping to raise tens of thousands of pounds for this year's Poppy Appeal.

David Partridge is president of the Aldridge branch of the Royal British Legionand the group's annual appeal is one of the most successful in the region.

Last year, shoppers in Aldridge and surrounding areas stumped up a whopping £32.500 for the cause. The 91-year-old and an army of around 100 volunteers hope to surpass that total this time.

Mr Partridge is among a



Fundraiser David Partridge MBE launches this Poppy Appeal in Aldridge

# **Little interest** in buying pubs

JUST two pubs have been sold out of 22 put on the market in a combined multi-million pound firessale by their owner.

The Crown, in King Edward Street, Darlaston, has been sold along with The Queen's Arms, in Heath Street, Smethwick. They were marketed for £110,000 and £95,000 respectively, but property agents would not reveal the final prices.

The pubs were put up for sale by Birmingham-based Penn Street Taverns in

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July. Dozens of jobs remain in limbo while the pubs, some of which are still trading, are on the market. Staff say owners have not told them whether the sales will end their employment.

Available

The pubs include the British Oak, in John Street, Walsall, the Sampson Lloyd in Cape Hill, Smethwick, and The Saracen's Head in Dudley Road, Brierley Hill.

comment.

In July, the firm said market conditions were tough and it needed to sell its "bottom end" pubs to survive.

survive.

The pubs reduced in price include the Grade II-listed Sampson Lloyd, from £350,000 to £295,000; O'Reilly's, near Villa Park, Aston, Birmingham, available at £350,000 instead of £400,000; and the Saracen's Head, in Brierley Hill, cut by £35,000 to £145,000.

# Talent boost for Saddlers

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MORE than £12,000 has

been collected for the youth programme at Walsall FC thanks to its supporters.

A donation has been made to the club through the West Bromwich Building Society as part of The Saddlers Saver Account.

The £12,317 has been given to the youth development programme to help produce stars of the future.

The account is open to all

The account is open to all Walsall supporters and each year a bonus is paid based on the average balance held in accounts.

accounts.

The building society is based in a newly revamped building in Bridge Street and supporters were treated to a visit by goalkeepers Jimmy Walker and David Grof who attended the relaunch



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# Locals seek action on unfinished road

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ACTION has been demanded to complete a road on a Willenhall housing estate which has been left unfinished for three years since the houses were built. Councillors are asking Walsall Council to consider enforcement action against Harron Homes, which has failed to complete the surface of the road, Spindle Tree Rise. Councillor Ian Shires has demanded a report on the issue

Councillor Ian Shires has demanded a report on the issue to go before the planning committee to get proceedings moving. He said: "This could just carry on and on, it's getting ridiculous. For a developer to leave a development in this state is unforgiveable. There have been to leave it in the said is the state of a general grocery paths remain unfinished."

A petition from householders in the cul-de-sac calling for the road to be finished was lodged with Walsall Council by Councillor Shires in September 2010.

**Deadline** Then, the developer's deadline for naming a date for the work would be done by passed, but the project remains unfinished.

The estate was completed following the demolition of a children's home.

A STORAGE area and a toilet will be built at the back of a general grocery shop in Walsall, with part of the shop being converted for residential use, under plans lodged with the council.

The shop is an end terrace two-storey property in Walsall Road, Darlaston.
Paul Clifton, representing the unnamed developer, said the application documents: "The proposal is to convert this back to form a lounge for the property. The shop from would be removed and replaced with a window and a new front entrance door."

# The company left before laying the final layer of asphalt, so ironworks stick out of the roadway and the kerbs are unusually high. Fundraiser for flood victims Alan Cadman, construc-tion director at Leeds-based Harron Homes, said the work would be finished soon. He added: "Our sub-contrac-

AN AUCTION, raffle and barbecue will be held in Walsall to raise money for victims of the Pakistan floods. The Deaf Eid Festival

floods. The Deaf Eid Festival He added: "Our sub-contractakes place at Walsall Deaf to November 19. It has been arranged by Ishtiaq Hussain ahead of his challenge to trek to the Everest Base Camp next month and will run from around and will run from 2pm-10pm, with tickets £10.

# Golf day hits target



Jenny Bateman, Ann Earp, Sally Cooper, from Walsall Breast Care, and golf day organiser Nick Plimmer

BLOXWICH Golf Club raised over the past four pany's annual golf day in aid of Walsall Breast Cancer

The event on September 1 was enjoyed by 160 golfers and the amount raised was

years to £22,000.

A spokesman for PVCu, based at Watling Street, Cannock, said the firm would continue to support the charity for years to

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# Absence system to cost £139k

A NEW nurse-led sickness system launched in a bid to cut absences at Walsall Council is expected to save more than £153,000-

to save more than £153,000-a-year - but will cost £139,000-a-year to run. From November 1 all the council's workforce have had to speak directly to a nurse if calling in sick as part of a scheme to cut absences. Walsall Council bosses trialled the moves in two departments for six months earlier this year.

## Operators

The pilot led to a 23.4 per cent reduction in absence rates compared to last year.

rates compared to last year.
Bosses are investing \$139,250 per year on the system which will include employing two nurses and two call operators, and say it will save at least \$2153,000 every 12 months.
The nurses and call operators will have other responsibilities as well as dealing with absences.
The current sickness absence at the council is an average of 9.21 days per employee, compared to 12.07 days in 2009/10.

# Charity day to be held at pub

money for the neo-natal unit at Manor Hospital.

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# **New £6m health** lessons centre is taking shape

A NEW £6 million education centre for Walsall teenagers who want a career in health care and forensic science is rapidly taking shape.

The modern rotunda and glass front entrance can now be seen, as well as upperfloor windows at the new Learning for Life Centre, in Alumwell, as it nears completion near the M6 Junction 10.

Pupils from secondary schools in the borough will be given the chance to visit the Primley Avenue centre and get a taste of the world of work.

When completed, it will feature a simulated learning environment including a hospital ward, rehabilitation equipment and A&E triage area. There will also be a laboratory, meeting rooms, auditorium and classrooms as part of the health and social care resource and education resource and education centre, also known as the healthtec.
Pleck ward's Councillor

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Harbans Sarohi said: "The building is quite modern and attractive on the and a skyline.

## Chance

"The area is looking up now with the Tempus Ten business zone at the rear of the site, and the new centre will enhance the appear-ance of the estate even

"The building is looking nice and will give the children a chance to achieve.

dren a chance to achieve.

"The community needs projects like this which can lead to jobs and a career path. This area is one of the most deprived in the borough."

The Learning for Life Centre aims to give pupils an insight into careers in the health service.

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It is the first of its kind in the country and is aimed at 14 to 19-year-olds.



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# MUSIC, a table-top sale and a pool competition are being held at a Walsall Wood pub on Saturday (12) to raise STRICTLY Come Dancing star Robbie Savage has pulled out of a sporting dinner tonight (10) at Walsall FC's Banks's at Manor Hospital. Bands including Red Venice and The Lock In will be performing at the Drunken Duck, High Street. Events are planned throughout the day and raffles will be held to raise money. Call 07557 334654. Stadium. The former Birmingham City footballer has withdrawn due to "contractual commitments". Savage and his dance

partner Ola Jordan have been winning over the judges on this year's Strictly, despite a recent outery over his "provoca-tive" hip thrusting on Satur-day's show. He will be replaced by Cannock-born soccer pundit Stan Collymore, formerly a Villa and Liverpool player.

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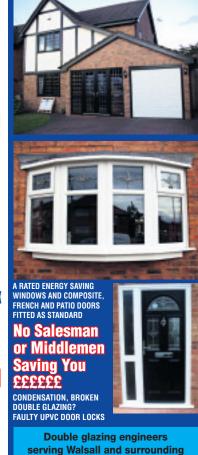
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# Fundraiser a thankyou to staff who nursed tot

A BLOXWICH couple have helped to organise a fundraiser this weekend in aid of neonatal units in Walsall and Wolverhampton where staff nursed their newborn baby back to health.

Joanne and Gary Smith, of Blakenall Lane, were devastated when infant daughter Lilly-May had to be taken to the neonatal unit at the Manor Hospital, Walsall, after being delivered by caesarean section.

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arean section.

The baby, who had contracted an infection while in the womb, was transferred to New Cross Hospital, in Wolverhampton, and stayed for 11 days.

## Manager

The youngster, 7lb 7oz at birth, is now six months old and healthy.

Joanne, aged 33, said she wanted to repay staff at the hospitals by encouraging people to raise money at a fundraiser at Bloxwich Library this Saturday between 10am and 2pm.

It includes craft sessions for children, poetry work-

and stalls selling Christmas cards and gifts.

Mother-of-four Joanne said: "I want to give a massive amount of thanks from the family to the hospitals and a special thankyou to the midwife team. They took care of me when I was separated from Lilly-May.

"It was one of the worst experience of our lives. Hopefully this will raise funds for both neonate units."

units." Doreen Doreen Humphries, manager of the neonatal unit at the Manor Hospital, said: "It's lovely to be recog-nised for what we do. Any contributions are always welcome."



Lilly-May at the library with her parents, Garry and Joanne, and Katie Lea, of Bloxwich Children's Centre



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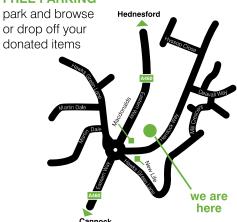
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# **Memory fund** for Emily goes past £100,000



# Dancers pull in cash



Tina Woodcock, left, and Dav Shirgill with Lisa Swift and oraniser Chris Daniels, from Pelsall

FUNDRAISERS strutted FUNDRAISERS strutted their stuff on the dancefloor in Walsall to help raise hundreds of pounds for charity. Staff at the town's Marks & Spencer branch organised a zumba event at the Saddlers Centre in aid of Breakthrough Breast Caneer. They danced and shook buckets at the Latininspired event last month. More than £600 was raised at the Park Street store across three events.

The three-hour Zumba

Daniels, from Pelsall
session outside Argos was
led by Lorraine Thomas
from Zumba Walsall.
Further funds were raised
through a raffle.
Lisa Swift, ladieswear
manager at M & S, said:
"This is the third weekend
we've done this and we've
raised over £600.
"Marks & Spencer is also
going to match that amount
for Breakthrough Breast
Cancer, which is the charity
the store chose to support
throughout October."

A FUND set up in memory of a Walsall schoolgirl

A FUND set up in memory of a Walsall schoolgirl who died at the age of nine has surpassed its £100,000 target.

The Emily Bailes Memorial Fund has raised £112,000 after being launched following her death in 2008 after a four-year battle against cancer. Her family and friends in Bloxwich set a decade deadline to reach the target, but the fundraising proved so successful they have already hit it. Proceeds from organised events organised are donated to the Children's cale more than £12,000.

Cancer and Leukaemia Croup, which provides support for young patients. Emily's mother Amanda said: "We have raised about £112,000.

Our target was origi-

#112,000.

112,000 target was originally £100,000 by Emily's 21st birthday in 2019."

She said they were still fundraising but doing fewer

local events. Mrs Bailes, a senior man-ager at Pricewa-terhouse Coopers, ran the Birmingham half marathon

walk to 20 children's hospi-tals across the UK.

Other efforts included sponsored sports and a CD recording of the song Best Friend by pupils at Emily's former school, Lower Farm. Her father, Ed. joined a coast-to-coast walk. Sponsorship for the Price-waterhouse Coopers efforts should be made via http:// uk.virginmonegyiving.com/

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# Sisters on top of the world with £1,000 gift



Celebration time at Benton's Sisters of Rest



Benton's base in Bealey's Lane, Bloxwich

A WALSALL women's social club has been celebrating after scooping a £1,000 grant to fund activities for the next

year.

Benton's Sisters of Rest, in Bloxwich, has been awarded cash from the Midcounties Co-op community fund.

## **Bingo**

It will allow them to cover at least two day trips for its 20 plus members and possi-bly their Christmas celebra-

The group for over-50s meets in Bealeys Lane once a week for a chat, tea and

kplessaliustal.co.uk coffee and bingo. But they also like to go on visits to the likes of the theatre or boat trip each year. Group secretary Ruth Taylor, aged 75, said: "We are over the moon and very grateful. "Without the money we

grateful.

"Without the money we would not be able to have our days out."

Members of the club, which dates back to the 1940s, meet every Wednesday from 12.30pm until around 3pm.

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Jack and Joyce Rollins, of Fulbrook, celebrate their diamond wedding

# Dancing partners' diamond wedding

A WALSALL couple who met at a dance have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Jack and Joyce Rollins, of Tame Close, Fulbrook. marked their diamond milestone with a party for 80 friends and family with music from the 1940s, 50s and 60s.

The couple met at a dance when they were 16 and married six years later on November 3, 1951, at St John's Church, Pleck, Walsall.

In between meeting and marrying, the pair kept in touch by letter when Mr Rollins went into the Army aged 18.

## Foundry

Foundry

The couple went on to have three children, Christopher, now aged 56, Stephanie, 53, and Tracey, 50, and also have seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs Rollins, now aged 82, who worked in catering, said the secret to a long and happy marriage was to share. "We have always shared everything and talked things through," she said.

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in Rosehill, Willenhall.

On September 29, £8,000worth of gold was stolen from a house in Park Hall.

## Mosques

An empty home in Park Hall was targeted on Sep-tember 1, and £70,000 of gold was taken. On the same day, £22,000 of Asian gold and £2,000-worth of other household items were stolen from a family house

@expressandstar.co.uk in Rosehill, Willenhall.
A raid in Highgate on August 22 saw £6,000 of gwellery taken and £10,000 of gold was stolen from Aldridge on August 19.
PCSO Jody Martin said: "We've teamed up with temples and mosques to set up informal advice centres."
A crime prevention session starts at 1pm tomorrow (Friday) at the Aisha Mosque, in Rutter Street, Caldmore.

# A snip at gift shop



Mayor Garry Perry cuts the ribbon watched by June Perry, Trevor and Ros Appleton, and Julie Ambrose

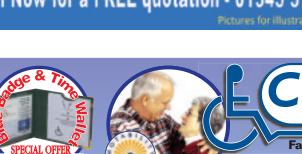
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# Park pavilion taking shape

work has now started on a new £300,000 pavinion which will be the centrepiece of an award-winning Walsall park. The pavilion at Palfrey Park will be the final piece of a five-year regeneration.

Birmingham-based contractor E Manton Ltd has been appointed to demolish existing buildings and pave the way for the new pavilion Staff have been temporarily relocated.

ily relocated.
The main entrance in Dale Street is now shut. siphoner convicted Kitchen

The new building is expected to be completed ahead of next year's school summer holidays. It will boast meeting and education rooms, staff accommodation, toilets, a wet room, a kitchen and storage.

Walsall Council has written to residents who overlook the park, schools, bowlers and other users.

Madeleine Holland, of Palfrey Park Friends and Users Association, said:

"This pavilion project is so exciting and can only help our ongoing efforts to retain the Green Flag for this beautiful park." Kitchen

A MAN was being sentenced today (Thursday) for siphoning £640-worth of lorry fuel at Aldridge.

James Sibley targeted five HGVs at Lomas Distribution and Veolia Environmental Services in Stubbers Green Road. Sibley, 21, of Tamworth Close, Brownhills, admitted four thefts and one of attempted theft and was bailed for reports.

Jason Corden-Bowen, prosecuting, told Walsall magistrates last Thursday that three figures were seen fleeing. Police searched the area and Sibley was found.

Children's gift boxes prepared

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BROWNHILLS Methodist Church BROWNHILLS Methodist Church women volunteers have put together 50 shoebox presents in support of the Samaritans Purse appeal — Operation Christmas Child.

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# COMPETITION

# **Rousing start to** festive countdown

IT'S sure to be a rousing start to the festive period. The Tattoo will feature 1,000 of the best mil-

will feature 1,000 of the best military musicians and performers from across Europe and the UK. And we've teamed up with the people at Birmingham's NIA to offer nine readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to the Birmingham International Christmas Tattoo being held in December.

For the first time the Norwegian King's Guard Band and their drill team will be present, joining the world-famous Band and Drums of Her Majesty's Royal Marines and the Corps of Drums of the Yorkshire Volunteers.

## **Gymnastic**

Joining them will be the Band of the Liberation army from The Netherlands and the cream of British youth with the National Youth Marching Band.
The Tattoo is due to be held at the

The Tattoo is due to be held at the NIA on Saturday, December 10 at 6pm and Sunday, December 11 at 2pm and you can win tickets for the Saturday evening performance. On top of all the musical mastery, there will be a dazzling symnastic display from the Blue Falcons Gymnastic Display Team. The Inter-Service Field Gun Competition will bring their heavy guns to the arena along with the massed standard bearers from the Royal British Legion and there will be a dog display.

## Finale

Finale
The performance will end with a spectacular festive finale featuring all the 1,000 performers.
Tickets are on sale now, priced at \$22.50, \$20, 18.50, \$16.50 and \$14.50 plus booking and transaction fees and are available online at www.theticketfactory.com or by calling 0844 338 8000.
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# Tattoo features 1,000 of best military musicians



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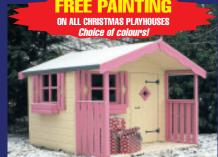
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# Festive flavour for market

PELSALL is gearing up for the festive season with a Christmas market this weekend — more than a month before the big day.

St Michael & All Angels, Hall Lane, hosts the event in its church hall on Saturday between 11am and 3pm.

Stalls will be selling gifts, cards and plants, while there will also be a prize draw and youngsters can visit Father Christmas.

sters can visit Father Christmas.
Church worker Jenny Brown said: "The congregation has been working hard over the past few weeks producing hand made goods for the market and plants and will give shoppers an opportunity to purchase unusual gifts, cards or decorations. "The Christmas market is always an important fund-raiser for the church."

Sarah Hopkinson, 7, Anne Newport, Angela Hopkinson and Susan Briggs with Rev Prebendary Carl Ramsay



# **Bakery closure** to cost 230 jobs

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MORE than 230 jobs are set to go at a Walsall bakery after bosses announced

MORE than 230 jobs are set to go at a Walsall bakery after bosses announced that it faces closure. Maple Leaf Bakery, set up in Raleigh Street in the 1800s, will shut in February or March unless a new buyer can be found.

The bakery produces Harvestime sliced boaves, but owner Maple Leaf Bakery UK is pulling out of the sliced bread market to focus on speciality breads such as bagels, ciabattas and croissants, which are produced at a plant in Yorkshire. The 236 workers attas and croissants, which are produced at a plant in Yorkshire. The 236 workers attas and croissants, which are produced at a plant in Yorkshire. The 236 workers of the special plant in Yorkshire. The 236 workers of the special plant in Yorkshire. The 236 workers of the special plant in Yorkshire. The 236 workers of the special plant in Yorkshire. The 236 workers of the special plant in Yorkshire. The 236 workers of the special plant in Yorkshire. The 236 workers of the special plant in Yorkshire. The 236 workers of the special plant in Yorkshire. The 236 workers of 90-day consultation period.

Maple Leaf Bakery UK spokes and of the Spokes of the contaminated following an arson attack is being monitored to see if the thousands of fish killed need to be replaced.

More than 10,000 fish died because of the contamination that leaked into the Birmingham Old Line Canal. The waterways became polluted following an arson attack that destroyed two warehouses containing aerosols, paints and oils in Wolverhampton. The chemicals caused oxygen levels to plummet, despite oxygen jets being used along the affected stretch.

Jessica Davison, of the Environment Agency, said: "We are hoping that over time the fish will naturally make their way back to the affected stretch of the canal. In the meantime, British Waterways will to monitor the situation to determine if any action is required."

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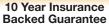




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# **School burglar** caused £5,000 trail of damage

A BURGLAR targeted a Walsall secondary school, costing it £5,000 in stolen A BURGLAR targeted a waisail secondary school, costing it £5,000 in stolen computers and damage, a court heard. Shane Field was told by a district judge that he had "preyed on vulnerable members of the community". Field stole from Frank F Harrison Engineering College, in Leamore Lane, Bloswich, in the early hours of Monday, October 24. District Judge Michael Morris ordered the 20-year-old, who admitted burglary, to

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be sentenced at crown court due to the serious nature of the crime.

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Val Hart, prosecuting, said Field, of
Walsall, had been caught with an accomplice trying to flee the school at 12.30am,
having stacked up three computer moni-

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tors and a hard drive unit outside.
The pair had damaged an external door and several internal doors as they forced their way into the building.
The damage and theft was said in cour to have cost the school of \$5,000. Police went to the school when the alarms were activated and arrested the pair.

Ms. Hart added: "Two classrooms had their doors forced open to steal property from within."

## **Accomplice**

Accomplice

The judge ordered Field to appear at Wolverhampton Crown Court on November 29. He was bailed, with a 10pm to 6am curfew. Field's accomplice, 20-year-old father Brian Maughan, of Malkit Close, Old Hall, Bentley, pleaded guilty last month and was sentenced to 16 weeks in custody.



# Robbery Pc's honour

A WALSALL policeman has been presented with an award for tracking down a violent robber.

Pe Liam Marshall was among West Midlands officers to be honoured in Birmingham.

During a violent robbery at a house in Walsall on May 12, the victim was kicked, punched and threatened with a knife before the attacker escaped with his Audi TT car and iPhone.

Pc Marshall helped to calm the victim down and then located the stolen vehicle by using a tracking device installed on the phone.

The thief was arrested on suspicion of robbery, tools associated with the crime were seized, and the property was recovered.

Pc Marshall was presented with a Chief Constable's Commendation at a force ceremony last week.

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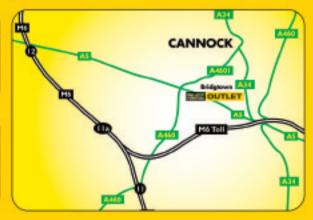


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Disney on Ice - Worlds Of Fantasy, NIA Birmingham

Pixie dust and Mickey magic were in abundance as Disney brought its latest offering to Birmingham. This time out we were treated to Worlds of Fantasy with the swirling skaters recreating tales from four of Disney's stories, intro-

skaters recreating tales from four of Disney's stories, intro-duced by the famous mouse himself, along with Minnie, Donald Duck, Goofy and Pluto. First we dived into the world of The Little Mermaid with our flame-haired heroine Ariel winning the heart of her prince despite the best efforts of the evil Sea Witch Ursula. Next stop Pixie Hollow, and an action-packed adventure with Tinker Bell and her cute little friends out to rescue spring, and come cleaverty deplayed props. Individuo an

with Tinker Bell and her cute little friends out to rescue spring, and some eleverly deployed props, including an array of giant flowers signalling their success.

They were followed, much to the delight of the audience, by characters from Cars who emerged blinking into the spotlight. Quite how the full-size machines are controlled remained a mystery but Lightning McQueen, Mater and their churns proved a roaring success.

The highlight of the night however rode into town in the guise of Woody, Buzz Lightyear and the loveable characters from Toy Story 3. And performing a surprise star turn were Barbie and Ken, complete with plastic hair, who gave us a wonderfully humourous, high-speed fashion show.

The skalfing throughout is dazzling, and apparently effortless, and the special effects add to the tales without overshadowing their charms. Overall the result is nothing less than we've come to expect, enchanting and entertaining, with a sprinkling of that Disney magic.

SARAH MORAN

Hippodrome, Birmingham Just think dance group Diversity and a circus joining forces and you will get an idea what ID is like.

ID- Cirque Éloize.

Cirque Éloize's brand new creation. is a blend of stunning circus arts com bined with acrobatic feats and urban

Certainly the two-hour show is sheer talent from start to finish and received a deserved standing ovation at the

end. The scene is set in the heart of a city and tells the story of urban life, gang culture and unrequited love.

The scenery and multi media effects are quite stunning and a brilliant backdrops to the amazing feats of juggling, acrobatics and dance moves.

The girl contortionist brought gasps – and I think turned a few stomachs – with her incredible ability to bend into any shape. Very entertaining and the cast of 13 really work as a team as

UK Subs/Anti Nowhere League/Motorhead Civic, Wolverhampton

A packed Civic Hall paid tribute to a legend as Lemmy brought Motorhead and their punk rock support to the city for a night of high volume rock.

A little thicker around the waist and a bit thinner on top -

A little thicker around the waist and a bit thinner on top-like the vast majority of the audience – all three bands have been ploughing their furrow for more than three decades. The UK Subs were among the first wave of punks bands back in 1976 and founder Charlie Harper is still belting out the vocals for their loyal fans, while the Anti Nowhere League were later arrivals but still have their own dedi-cated following. But there was no doubting who most people had come to see, as Lemmy Klimister took to the stage with his silver cowboy boots, US Cavalry hat and Rickenbacker bass. With Mikkey Dee pounding on the drumkit and Phil Camp-bell on screaming guitar, the stage was set for the mix of material from the latest album, The World Is Yours, and classic tracks like Killed By Death, all churmed out at classic tracks like Killed By Death, all churned out at maximum volume.

The climax came with the encore: Motorhead's biggest

The climax Came with the encore: Motornead's Diggset-chart hit, Ace Of Spades, and audience favourite Overkill.

There are few surprises at a Motorhead gig and that is part of the attraction for the band's loyal followers. Nothing flashy, just good old West Midlands heavy rock, played fast and loud. As Mr Klimister observed: "We are Motor-head and we play rock 'n' roll."

SIMON PENFOLD

much for each other as for the audi-

ence.
There were a couple of slips ups
with the juggling balls and the skipping
rope getting tangled but no-one seemed to mind.

Very different and worth seeing although the constant rock, electronic music can got slightly irritating after two hours.

## SUE ATTWATER

Sarah Millican, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

Sarah Millican has become one of the country's best and most popular comics and from her comics and from her opening gambit entertained the sold-out Symphony Hall crowd on her Thoroughly Modern Millican tour. "Thanks for applauding when my name was called," the South Shields lass told the audience "That doesn't

the audience. "That doesn't happen when I go to the doctors."

From then the scene was From then the scene was set as she interacted with the audience and talked about the likes of relationships and her weight, offering tips on how to enjoy breakfast in bed when vou're single - take choco you're single - take choco-late with you - and what to use as a substitute when there's no loo roll left. The highlight, particularly for one teenage fan who joined her on stage was Sarah twing something she

Sarah trying something she was never allowed to do as a child, eating space dust. And, would you know if

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Mediaeval Baebes, pictured by Scott Chalmers

# Baebes bring medieval Christmas to the cathedral

cal vocal group, Mediaeval Baebes, has announced a nine-date tour of England

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This outing will continue the tradition of the Mediaeval Baebes annual Christmusical director Katharine Blake alongmas tour. As a festive season gift to fars, side Sutton Coldfield woman Esther with the use of both the singers will be releasing the first of the Mediaeval Baebes and currently consists of classical and medieval musical instruments.

See www.mediaevalbaebes.com for the singers will be releasing the first original forms and with accompanying video in accompliance and with a compliance and with a complia

from oblivion. Wilson, who will be peforming with his orchestra on November 28 at Birmingham Symphony Hall (call 0121 780 3333 or see www.thsh.co.uk), was given permission by Warner Bros – then rights holders to the MGM.

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Wilson, who will be peforming with his orchestra on November 28 at Birmingham or Congress in Washington, DC.

THE UK's number one selling classisingle from their forthcoming album The Harling, Sarah Kayte Foster, Clare al vocal group, Mediaeval Baebes, has Huntress, Veni Veni Bella as a free down-Edmondson and Tanya Jackson. These nonconced a nine-date tour of England load with accompanying video in accomplished songwriters, multi-instru-

triumph. Will Young is a multi-platinum selling singer and actor and has released his fifth studio album

Echoes, including the hit Jealousy and new single Come On.

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In 1963, Secretary of State for War Profumo was forced to resign after it was established that he had lied to Parliament about the nature of his relationship with a young showgirl – Christine Keeler. She was involved with a Russian spy during her affair with the Secretary of State. The ensuing scandal was, in part, responsible for the resignation of Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, and the suicide of the man who introduced Keeler to Profumo, Stephen Ward.

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Russian clown Slava Polunin, is returning to Birmingham Hippodrome for the first time in several years to astound a new generation. His company of clowns will be peforming the frosty fantasy in the city this week until Sunday. Slava's vision of clowning is light years away from the tired old big top stereotype. Once seen never forgotten, his show creates an alternative world of strange, surreal beauty where very peculiar things happen, such as a coat and hat stand getting a life of its own or a blizzard happening indoors. Tickets are priced at £14 to £30. Special discounts for families available at certain performances. Tickets available on 0844 338 5000 or online at www.birminghamhippodrome.com.

Based on the 2001 autobiography The Truth At Last, by Christine Keeler with Douglas Thompson, this play written by Gill Adams with Keeler's approval, reveals the inside story of the biggest political sex scandal to rock Britain in the 20th Welsh National Opera performs Mozart's Don Giovanni at the Hippodrome on November 15 and 18, staging Janacek's Katya Kabanova on November 16 and Rossini's The Barber of Seville on November 17 and 19.

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## Dreadzone

Other gigs to look out for include indie rockers The Pigeon Detectives at the O2 Academy 2 on Tuesday; quirky dub from Dreadzone at the Hare and Hounds (07531 723043) in Kings Heath on Thursday, November 17; and 2 Tone veterans The Beat and The Selector urging folks to *Twist and Crawl* at Birmingham Town Hall (call 0121 780 3333) on November 18.



ONE of the brightest stars of the English contemporary folk scene, Kate Rusby, will be performing songs from her second album at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Thursday, December 15. She will be pined by her band and a brass quintet for her festive concert, drawing upon the new album While Mortals Sleep, interpreting traditional songs from her native county and performing self-penned material. The band includes Damien O'Kane on guitar and banjo, penned material. The band includes Damien O'Kane on guitar and banjo, Duncan Lyall on double bass, Edmund Boyle guitar and bouzouki, and Julian Sutton on melodeon. Tickets cost £20 (£12 under-16s). See www.wolvescivic.co.uk or call

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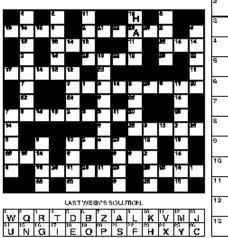
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burnt orange and accents of vivid yellow, this award-winning garden is the perfect autumnal scene.

Its creators Tony and Marie Newton, of Walsall, say designing their spectacular masterpiece is "just like conducting an orchestra".

The couple have spent nearly 20 years lovingly crafting the Four Seasons Garden at their home in Buchanan Road, attracting thousands of visitors and countless awards. And with autumn now in full swing, the garden is bursting into a medley of seasonal colour.

"We liken it to conducting an orchestra," said 62-year-old Mrs Newton. "We stand and look at at and depending on the season say, right it's your turn to shine now."

With each season comes a whole new set of challenges and tasks. The difficulty with autumn, say the Newtons, is you never quite know what you are going to get.

"Autumnis lovely but it can be unpredictable," says Mrs Newton, a retired transport planner at Walsall Council. "At this time in years gone by, we've even had snow.

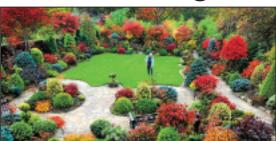
"Our secret is we just have a good skeleton of a garden all year round with a base of evergreens and conifers that are the anchors around which we build the garden and inter-plant other things. Each month, there's something different springing up, such as snowdrops in February and daffodils in March, then its the summer perennials.

"Come October, we take many of the flowers out and we're left with other things that then come into their own."

While the flowers may be tucked away for the colder autumn and winter months, the turning of the seasons alone provides enough colour to keep the garden looking vibrant and alive.

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Autumn colours fill the garden in Buchanan Road in Buchanan Road, Walsall, and so the fallen leaves, but for the Newtons working in it is nothing but a pleas-ure

would by now be shedding their leaves are still displaying glorious shades of gold, red and even green. Experts believe the record high October temperatures have delayed the annual leaf fall, something that could boost the health of the trees for next year as they sneak in a bit of extra

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Acers, golden king holly and juniper blue star are just some of the plants and trees that now take centre stage in the orchestral masterpiece of the Newtons garden, fully grabbing and rel-ishing their chance to shine.

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Retired GP Mr Newton, also 62, says: "We use acer leaves as our autumn flowers really because they are so very colourful. "Miraculously we have escaped an air frost throughout October and therefore we can now enjoy the vibrant autumn colours of our acers." Of course, with autumn comes one slight downside – the falling leaves and clearing them

up can make October and November some of the most labour-intensive months. But for the Newtons, working in their stunning garden is nothing but a pleasure. "When we get up in the morning and look out the window at the garden, we just think wow," says Mrs Newton. "It's just a real joy. We work on the garden all year round but now we're retired we can choose when we go out. But we do work in the garden most days and if we don't for a few days, it's almost like you get withdrawal symptoms."

The couple bought their house 29 years ago. With four children coming along in the space of five years — Liz, now aged 30, Alex, 28, Richard, 26 and Sarah, 25 — the garden was at first functional and child-friendly. But as the years went on, the couple took more of an interest in their plot, landscaping it and later adding things like a stream, a pagoda and a summer house.

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Firstbly iets qualifying purchasers secure selected new homes at Broadhurst Gardens for as little as 80 per cent of the full purchase price – including a 75 per cent mortgage and a five per cent deposit, subject to status – eliminating the need to save for years to purchase a first property. The scheme works through a joint loan of 20 per cent from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) and Taylor Wimpey – which is repayable when the 25-year mortgage is up or when the property is sold.

To be eligible, purchasers must be first-time buyers and their total



earnings should be less than £60,000

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For example, a two-bedroom Regency apartment, priced from £99,995, is available with FirstBuy for 80 per cent of its full price – £79,996.
These homes feature a generously-sized living room, a contemporary fitted kitchen and a modern bathroom, while outside the properties benefit from allocated parking.
Broadhurst Gardens is conveniently located on the edge of Huntington village, which benefits from a thriving community life and boasts many amenities, including a primary school, post office, local stores and takeaways, a youth club, community centre, bowling green, rugby club and church.
The recreation ground has a full-size football pitch, two junior pitches, a skate park and changing rooms.
A wider choice of local shopping, including chemists, butchers, bakers and supermarkets, is a short drive away in Cannock.
Huntington is well connected to the

A34 Cannock to Stafford road and the M6 is just over five miles away, making Broadhurst Gardens a convenient base for commuting to Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Stafford.

Railway stations at Hednesford and Cannock operate regular services to

Cannock operate regular services to Birmingham New Street and Stafford and each are about one and a half miles.

The development is situated on the fringes of picturesque Cannock Chase.

### Secure

To 'get rid of the kids' by helping them secure a FirstBuy home at Broadhurst Gardens, parents can visit the salescCentre, off Stafford

visit the salescCentre, off Stafford Road, Huntington, between 11am to 5pm, Thursday to Monday. Alterna-tively, the sales executive can be con-tacted on 0845 026 4121. \*Based on five per cent deposit for a Regency apartment under FirstBuy. Deposit amount is subject to status and terms and conditions apply. Full details of the Fscheme are available from the sales executive.



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# What will add most value to your home?

AN extension or loft conversion which creates a double bedroom with its own bathroom can increase the value of a home by nearly a quarter (23 per cent) – and is the single most effective home improvement project which most owners can carry out, says a survey.

New research by Nationwide Building Society suggests a 10 per cent increase in floor Nationwide space adds 5 per cent to the price of a typical home, but that an extra bedroom is usually a more effective use of your money than moving.

### Critical

While moving up from a three-bedroom house to a four-bedroom, two-bath-room property costs an average £40,000, a loft conversion or other extension can be accomplished for possibly £30,000 to £35,000. But the extra bathroom is the critical point. An extra bedroom, by itself, adds only 12 per cent to average price. Nationwide figures show the gap in value between three and four-bedroom homes widens as buyers come southwards. In Scotland it is £39,107, the north £35,629 and in the north west it is £32,756. In the East Midlands, the gap is the lowest in the

gap is the lowest in the country at £31,710, but in London, the price gap is nearly £91,000 - and in the



Loft extensions are the most effective way to add a significant value to your home

attractive to many.
Builders, short of work, offer competitive quotes, while the 30 per cent surge in remortgages confirmed by the Council of Mortgage Lenders suggests many homeowners could have

Loft extensions are the most effective way to add a significant value to your home south east it is £42,017. So raised finance for building the more expensive the work. In July, Nationwide said a stronger the case for home record 19 per cent of further extension – if you have the space and the plans to do it in away that will impress a subsequent buyer. As the number of homeowners prepared to put their owners on sale is falling, extending an existing home could become increasingly attractive to many.

Spare Nationwide also found many people live in homes which are already too big for them.

Some 84 per cent of owneroccupied homes have at least one spare bedroom. Some 47

mended through the energy performance certificate now

required when a home is sold. Improvements in this area include loft insulation, cavity wall insulation and better boilers for more efficient heating systems.

# Our expert advice on the problems around the home

Q: I moved into a new flat recently and after a week or so of using the shower which is over the bath a couple of times each day, a crack appeared along the top of the back wall of tiles and now some of them are buckling. What should I

A: If the tiles are buckling, you'll have to remove them because

has got behind them.

Take off any that aren't properly adhered to the bathroom wall and replace them completely, or remove the whole wall of tiles and start from scratch.

To be on the safe side, silicone-seal along the top of all the tiles to stop this from happening again.

# Brushing up can only improve your house

transform your home's exterior walls, but actually doing the job is not as simple as you might

think.

The perfect conditions for decorating the exterior of decorating the exterior of your home are dry, warm and overcast weather, as high temperatures can cause paint to blister.

Use good quality paint suitable for exterior walls. Look for products with added extras, such as fungicide to inhibit mould growth, and that come with a guaran-mad that come with a guaranand that come with a guaran

New rendering and masonry with a chalky feel should be sealed with a stabilising solution first.

### Woodwork

Before starting to paint, fill any cracks and holes with exterior filler, clean off any mould and dirt, and use a scraper and sander/sandpaper to remove any flaking

paint.
Cover the garden adjoining the house with plastic dust-sheets to protect it from paint splashes. You may also want to mask off the gutting and woodwork when painting the walls

Work across the building from left to right, or right to



left, painting a section at a time. Do the top half and then the bottom half, repeating for each section of wall. Don't stop painting in the middle of a section because the joins

may show.

If you're using a ladder, don't take any risks with your

Start by erecting the ladder correctly – for every 4m you extend it, it should be 1m the ladder against a window, away from the house, forming fix a piece of wood across the window first to take the

away norming a 75-degree angle.

The ladder should also sit on flat, firm and stable ground. Secure the ladder at both the top (to the house) and bottom (to the ground) as weight. Never lean across when working on a ladder – always move it so you can reach without stretching.

# 46 High Road, Lane Head, Willenhall, WV12 4JQ





Waterside Close, Parkfields



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### 94 Blakenall Lane, Bloxwich



nal semi detached property constructed of orick under a pitch tiled roof and in need of thorough modernisation and improvement. Set back from the oad behind lawned foregarden with shared driveway the property comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge Living Room, Kitchen, Lobby, Three Bedrooms Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens.

**GUIDE PRICE £30,000-£40,000** 

# 103 Ravenscroft Road, Willenhall



This traditional semi detached residence is situated in a popular residential area not far from Lane Head with aclitiles available. In need of complete modernisation and improvements, the property is set behind a foregarden with good size garden to rear and comprises of the following: Reception Hall, Lounge, kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate W.C., Fore and Rear Gardens.

**GUIDE PRICE £28,000-£38,000** 

# Land between 3 and 5 King Charles Avenue, Walsall



reehold building plot approximately 0.04 ha with outline planning permission (application number 11/1002/OL) for two 2 bedroom semi detached houses. The site is located close to major transport links and local amenities. For further information and full planning decision and plans, visit our website

GUIDE PRICE £30,000-£40,000

# 3A Holden Crescent, Walsall



A purpose built first floor maisonette ideally suited to an investor purchase with part electric storage heating. Situated within a 1.5 mile of Walsall centre with public transport services available. The property briefly comprises: Reception Hall, Hallway, Lounge

**GUIDE PRICE £20,000-£30,000** 

## 92 Walstead Road, Walsall



A traditionally styled semi detached property situated a popular residential location close to all ameniti a popular résidential location close to all amenities including shops, bus and rail links. Offering ideal family living accommodation which has been extended at ground floor level the property offers upvc double glazing and gas fired central heating and includes: Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Quest W.C. Times Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fora Kerner, With Useful Carage/Storage Space.

GUIDE PRICE £110,000-£120,000

### 72/74 Dangerfield Lane, Darlaston



see 2 ex municipal semi detached properties are set on a ngular plot and are in need of full modernisation and rovement and lend themselves to the purchase by an sestor or builder. Situated within a short distance of Darlaston tits, the properties are constructed of brick under ploth tiled fs and comprise the following: No 74: Entrance Hall, page, Kitchen, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Fore and Rear drutens. No 72: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, ee Bedrooms, Fore and Rear Gardens and Driveway.

**GUIDE PRICE £30,000-£40,000** 

### 79 Whetstone Lane, **Aldridge**



Traditionally styled semi detached dwelling house with gas fired central heating and uPVC double glazing. The property comprises of the following: Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Lean to Sun Room, Kitchen, Garage, Utility, Three Bedrooms

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### 100 Hill Street, Hednesford



ander a pitch tiled roof. the property briefly comprises intrance Hall, Dining Room, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Be

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### Land between 151 and 157 Mackay Road, Walsall



Freehold building plot approximately 0.08 ha with outline planning permission (application number 11/1004/OL) for four 3 bedroom semi detached houses. The site is located within a mile of Bloxwich town centre with all amenities available. For further information and full planning decision and plans, visit

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### 1-3 West Bromwich Road, Walsall



a accommodation and additional garaging ortunity for various uses and needs to be view eciated. Set on a corner plot on the corner which Road and Vincent Street with vehicula Vincent Street, the property has oil fire ng and comprises: Kitchen, Hallway, Stitl a Dance Studio, Large Store Room, Rear Facilities, Sitting Room, Five Bedrooms, Bi Storey Garage, Boiler Room, W.C. and Rear 1

GUIDE PRICE £130.000-£150.000

### 25 Cope Street, Walsall



residence in need of thorough improvement and modernisation situated between Bloxwich and Walsall town centre. The accommodation comprises:- Front Living Room, Rear Living Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Separate W.C., Two Bedrooms, Additional Room and

GUIDE PRICE £40.000-£50.000

# 12 Kinnerley Street, Walsall



comfortable walking distance of the town centre with further bou and rall links together with motorway access being within a short car ride away. The property lose offer a good degree of further potential and early internal inspection is highly recommended. Offering uPVC double glazing and gas fired entral healing the accommodation briefly comprehense. Reception Hall, Through Lounge/Dinnig Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Sathroom and Fore and Rear Gardense.

**GUIDE PRICE £65,000-£75,000** 

### 133 Broadway West, Walsall



**GUIDE PRICE £90,000-£110,000** 

# 12 Penryn Road, Walsall



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 3 Bedrooms

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   Gas Central Heating
   Upvc Double Glazing
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- 3 bedrooms
  UPVC double glazing & gas central heating
  Downstairs shower room / W.C.
- Downstairs shower room / W.C OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £144,995



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- Central Heating & Double Glazing
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   £124,950



- 3 Bedrooms
   Gas Central Heating
   Upvc Double Glazing
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  Viewing: 01902 633323



- Semi detached3 bedroomNo upward chain
- Lounge
  OFFERS AROUND:
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  £90.000



- Deceptively Spacious
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  OFFERS AROUND:
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- 3 Bedroom Detached
  Extensions to Side & Rear
  Open Plan Lounge, sitting Room & Dining Room
- Family Room OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 0121 505 3533 £159,950



- No Upward Chair

- Gas Čentral Heating
   Upvc double Glazing
   OFFERS AROUND:
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   £64,950



- Well Presented Semi-Detached
   3 Good Bedrooms
   Gas Central Heating
   Upvc Double Glazing
   OFFERS AROUND:
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- Extended, improved semi detached
   4 bedrooms (master with shower cubicle)
   UPVC double glazing
   Gas central heating
   OFFERS ARGUND:
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- 18ft Lounge OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 **£169,950**



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A Suprisingly Spacious 2 Bedroom Mid Ter
 Gas Central Heating
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6 x Brand new home
 Three bedrooms
 Lounge
 Fitted brookfast kitch



Lounge
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- Three Bedroomed Semi-Detached
- Larger than Average Corner Plot
- Potential for Expansion
- Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Two reception rooms
- Detached Garage



- Mid Town House
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Through Lounge/Dining Room
- Foregarden with Tarmacadam Driv



ROSEWOOD DRIVE.COPPICE FARM

- Two Bedroomed Semi Detached
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- Fitted Kitchen
- Fore and Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- No Chain



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- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Ground Floor W.C. Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom



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- ★ Three bedrooms ★ Kitchen/Dining Room
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Gardens ★ GCH ★ UPVC DG
  - £475pcm



- ★ First Floor flat
- ★ One Bedroom
- ★ Hallway & Bathroom
- ★ Kitchen & Lounge
- ★ Gas Central Heating



HAMILTON STREET, BLOXWICH

- ★ Semi-Detached House
- ★ Three Bedrooms
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Kitchen With Pantry Off
- ★ Lobby With Downstairs WC ★ GCH & DG



- ★ Split Level Flat
- ★ Lounge & Kitchen ★ Two Bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom
- ★ Gas Central Heating
- ★ Part Double Glazed



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- ★ Garage & Garden



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- ★ Lounge / Bedroom
- ★ Dining Kitchen ★ Electric Heating
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- ★ Semi-Detached House
- ★ Three Bedrooms
- ★ Lounge ★ Dining Kitchen ★ GCH & DG

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### **ASHMORE PARK**

\* Front bedrooms

\* Lounge and Separate Dining
Room

\* Off Rood Parking To Rea

139,995



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WAS £84,950 NOW £79,950



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### WOLVERHAMPTON

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 ★ Refitted Dining Kitchen
 ★ Shower Room

FRIESLAND DRIVE
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\*\*Double Glazed

\*\*Gas Central Heating

\*\*No Chain

\*\*Off Road Parking

£134,995



ASHMORE PARK
GRIFFITH DRIVE

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property on corner pel us

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\* Fine Lederonous

\* Not reception room

\* NO (UMI) - Passing sex

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OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £99,995





\* Spacious detached property in pleasant cul de soc location

\* Three bedrooms, was originally four, could easily be convented

\* Mojority LPVC double glazed windows

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\* Well EENHALL

\* Conservatory \* Garage and carport

\* Amelia III -- 1

WAS £169,500 NOW £162,950





### WOLVERHAMPTON

Modern style apartment Easy access to City Centre and transport

links ★ Two bedrooms

n style apartment

EROAD GAUGE WAY

\*\*Lounge with bolcory \*\*Open plan kitchen

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\*\*Double glazing and storage heating

\*\*Allocated parking

\*\*Allocated parking

\*\*Ideal first time buy or buy to let

WAS OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £99,995 NOW £94,950



### WILLENHALL

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### COPPICE FARM

\* Fitted bothroom with shower \* Side driveway providina amole parkina UPVC double glazed windows \* Pleasant gardens to front and rear WAS £125,000 NOW £122,250



**WAS £154,950 NOW £149,950 NO CHAIN** 





### WEDNESFIELD

★ Four bedrooms over two floors Two reception rooms \* Large enclosed rear garden with decked patio

★ Exceptional relitted kitchen with selected integrated appliances ★ Viewing essential WAS £149,995 NOW £143,500



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SLADE ROAD

\* Interest befrooms

\* Bathroom with wet room style

\* Lounge and separated divining room

\* UPVC double glazing

\* No chain, viewing essential

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# Wolverhampton

Willenhall



### WEDNESFIELD

suite \* Offers versatile family bing £220,000 FIXED PRICE

ASHMORE PARK, WEDNESFIELD

\* Pleasarily appointed and terrorad

\* Finding dring lichen
property in popular Admirace Park

\* Goest WC and first floor show

\* Three bedroons

\* Three bedrooms

\* UPVC double glazed conservatory

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\* UPVC double glazing & gas central heating

\* Livening essential

£114,995 OFFERS



### TONADINE CLOSE, ASHMORE PARK

\* Pleasanily appointed and terraced
properly on popular admirece park
\* Three bedrooms master with fitted
wardrobes
\* Pleasanily in prival bedroom
\* Williams Estimate Markey \* Beoutfully refitted bethroom \* VIEWING RECOMMENDED

WAS £95,000 NOW OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £90,000



\* Beautifully presented extended detached
properly in sought after location

\* UPVC double glosed & gas central

\* Three bedrooms

\* Three bedrooms UPVC double glezed conservatory ★ Gerage & off road parking

\*Relitted disign kitchen & harbonne WAS £160,000 NOW £154,995









### WEDNESFIELD

HARPER AVENUE

\* Inditional opts and termonal property

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\* I boulde glands windows & gas central
hosting

\* Centry wall on bit insulation

WAS £87,000

NOW £84,950



SUFFOLK CLOSE

\*\* UPVC double glozing & gas central heatin

\*\* plot \*\* Ruthinal breakfurts kindnen

\*\* with en-suite \*\* Enclosed near garden, garage & off rood

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# Making Swift progress with this hot little hatch

big hit with youngish owners looking for an affordable (to buy and warm hatch

on sale in January, is more a step forward than a leap into the automotive unknown, with more of what's good and a bit less of what isn't.



The new Suzuki Swift Sport looks set to be a winner

In the good column are power and economy, both boosted by a gentle reworking of the existing engine (now 134bhp from its 1.6-litre petrol engine) and the addition of a sixth gear to make long motorway drags a bit less of a . . . drag.

There's also been a bit more space added to the length of the new Swift Sport for a slightly roomeir interior (still only a four-seater, though).

Now the car also features cruise control and keyless entry – leave the key in your pocket and the vehicle still knows you're about.

about.

Like the old car, metallic paint is standard at no extra cost (try telling that to the likes of

### Formula

So to the not so good: This welcome tin-kering with an already successful formula has brought a price increase that's rather more than a gentle uplift. The old Sport cost £12,995 (they're all sold, by the way), so the predicted £14,500 of the new model looks as though the Suzuki price setters knew they had an in-demand model on their hands and set the cost accordingly.

model on their hands and set the cost accordingly. It's still not overpriced, though, when you consider the reworking you'll find in the little hatchback, designed in Japan, tested on some awkward Yorkshire roads as part of its European acclimatisation and built in

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Hungary in a plant that's this summer put together its two-millionth vehicle.
The last Sport model was hard to pick out

from its cheaper, slower siblings.
The newcomer is less shy about boasting

The newcomer is less shy about boasting of its sporting prowess, with a bolder front grille and finned fog lamp housings. It also features side body mouldings and a spoiler above rear window. Multi-spoked alloy wheels fill the wheel arches in muscular feebing.

alloy wheels fill the wheel arches in muscular fashion.
Inside, the changes from non-Sport versions is subtle, with more firmly bolstered front seats about the only immediately obvious change.
Not that there's much wrong with the cabin anyway, with room in the rear for two adults and a dashboard that's simple (a good thing) and easy to read.
In slightly pearly white paint the Swift Sport looks every centimetre the sporty hatch that Suzuki intends it to be, with blacked out rearside windows adding a touch of Mafia menace.
It looks perfectly pitched at the early-30s.

It looks perfectly pitched at the early-30s and mostly male buyers who Suzuki thinks will fall for the car. They'll appreciate the car Suzuki's engion the road, with a lot of work to make both the suspension and steering feel sharper without turning the car into a racetrack

without turning the car into a racetrack refugee. As with other sporty numbers from Japan (think Honda in particular) the Swift Sport's engine needs to be worked hard for maximum attack. Indeed, change gear at what sounds the right time and you'll miss its verve. This is a car that rewards effort from its driver, who won't mind swapping gears in a box that feels crisp and positive.

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### Tiger

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Driven with some restraint it will even prove an economical little tiger, with the official fuel average consumption figure better by 10 per cent, at 44.1mpg.

Company car user choosers might also note the newcomer's emissions now slip below the critical 160g/km level.

Family car buyers will also like the five-star rating which all Swifts enjoy in the Euro NCAP tests.

It may be small but there's a proper bigger car feel to the whole machine, a sure sign that painstaking development has followed every change.

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and not just a pipe dream.

Don't get your hopes up too soon, though, because the Juke-R won't see

production. It's just a bit of mischief that Nissan is getting up to alongside motorsports outfit RML.

The drivetrain and much of the interior equipment of the GT-R has been modified and adapted to fit the Juke's dimensions, but the Juke's distinctive centre console inspired by a motorcycle fuel tank stays put.

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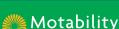


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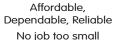
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Instinctively Obeng latched on to the cross and unleashed a superb first time strike from just inside the box that rocketed into the roof of the net beyond bewildered keeper Russell Saunders.

The opening goal gave the hosts more confidence to venture forward and a long raking pass forward by Mitchell Tolley picked out Obeng, but he drilled his effort marginally over the crossbar.

On 42 minutes a scuffle broke out and Jamie Vermiglio, Richard Blytheand Steve Foster were booked.

After almost seven minutes of stoppage time referee Mr Bingham finally called time on proceedings and Russhall were able to celebrate an outstanding second half defensive display.

United defence

is overwhelmed

BLOXWICH UTD 2 NUNEATON GRIFF 7
BLOXWICH failed to cope drift front line as they suffered a heavy defeat at home.
Bloxwich looked to be getting back into the midweek game as goals from Josh Jones and Alan Wilkes made it 3-2 early in the proceedings before the visitors produced some clinical finishing as they brushed aside the home side's brief fightback.
Bloxwich' miserable night continued when Wilkes was sent off in the second half.

the second half.

BLOXWICH UTD 1 EARLSWOOD TOWN 1

Bloxwich's search for a win continued last Saturday as they could only manage a draw at home.

Curtis Thomas opened the scoring for the visitors when he raced clear down the left hand side and lobbed the ball over keeper Gavin Ellis as the Bloxwich defence appealed for offside.

Both teams cancelled each other out for much of the rest of the first half. The visitors had a strong appeal for a penalty waved away by the referee midway through the second half when their forward was upended by a Bloxwich defender. Bloxwich had Bloxwich defender. Bloxwich had to wait until the 80th minute for the equaliser when Jamie Simkiss volleyed home from inside the box following a goalmouth scramble to give Bloxwich a share of the points.

Bloxwich plunge

into drop zone

**Bewildered** 

# Saddlers tumble out with late horror show

HAT-TRICK hero Marvin Robinson inspired Hednesford to a stunning, last-gasp 6-5 win over Walsall in the Birmingham Senior Cup.

The striker struck in the last

minute of extra-time after the Pitmen hit back from 4-2 down

Pitmen hit back from 4-2 down with nine minutes to go. Will Grigg's double and goals from George Bowerman and Jamie Tank looked to have sent the Saddlers through. But Robinson and Jay Denney made it 4-4 in normal time to spark late drama and send Hednesford into the third round.

First-team players Oliver Lancashire, Darryl Westlake, Ryan Jarvis and Grigg all started for League One side Saddlers.
Hednesford's Elliot Durrell opened the scoring with a determined header after seven minutes before a swift Walsall move was neatly finished by Bowerman to level four minutes later.
Mark Danks curled a wonderful shot into the top corner to restore Hednesford's lead on 26 minutes as the Pitmen refused to buckle.

But the Saddlers turned up the heat in the second half and Grigg's quickfire brace just before the hour put them in control.

Tank's goal made it 4-2 with 12 minutes remaining but the Pitmen hit back in stunning style.

Hednesford Town: Crane.

### Sparking

Sparking
Robinson bagged his first from
Gary Hay's cross and Jay Denny
sensationally equalised in injury
time – after goalkeeper Dan
Crane hit the bar.
It sent last Tuesday's tie into
extra-time and youth team
hitman Aaron Williams edged
Walsall back in front, but the

Hednesford Town: Crane, Hednesford Town: Crane, Haynes (Monteiro 72), Shaw, Gomes, Bailey (Dunkley 65), Denny, Osborne, Clements (Hay 65), Robinson, Danks, Durrell. Walsall: Maher, Westlake, Haynes, Lancashire, Tank, Bot-field, Dobson, Grigg (Butlin 75), Jarvis, Bowerman (Williams 79), Jones.



# RUSHALL 1 CHORLEY 0 RUSHALL Olympic maintained the meanest defence in the Evo-Stik League Premier Division as they produced a sterling rearguard performance to deny the potent strike force of high flying Chorley, writes Durren Stockall. Ahmed Obeng inspired the single goal victory. Ahmed Obeng inspired the single goal victory. With the Pics having conceded only 12 goals in their previous 15 league outings the inevitable war of attrition made compelling viewing. Chorley were stunned in the 23rd minute when from out of nowhere Rushall forged into a lead when Nick Amos used his strength to win an aerial possession and as Keenan picked up the loose ball he delivered a pinpoint centre from the left channel.

# Relief as hat-trick hero ends long wait for a win

Bartley Green, writes Bill Shaw. Lewis Taylor Boyce took the headlines, but this was an all round team performance that deserved all three points.

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Wood threatened first on seven minutes, Torgut Bilgimer marauding down the right playing a neat 1-2 with Mark Bandurak before finding Scott Cooper at the near post but he was crowded out. The reply was immediate, Bradley Whitehouse playing the ball out wide right to Rhys Morgan to cut inside and fire high over. On 13 minutes Lee Arnold won the ball in midfield and laid the ball back to Bilgimer, his ball over the top was intercepted by Craig Collingwood but Lewis Taylor Boyce won the ball back, raced for goal, calmly rounded the keeper and fired past the defender on the line.

On 23 minutes, a free kick on the right of the Wood box was fired high over the right angle by Morgan.

Eight minutes later, Cooper won the ball in centre midfield, his slide rule pass released Taylor Boyce to run on and calmly slot the ball past the keeper.

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On 36 minutes, Arnold won the ball in the centre circle and then found Bandurak in the box to turn and roll a cross shot inches wide of the left hand post.

WYRLEY JUNIORS

With the FA Cup are Ty Powers, 12, Jake Howes, 11, and Connor Yeates, 10, all of Walsall, with Wyrley Juniors chairman Keith Hardy, committeeman Martin Millard and bar staff David Ridgway and Trish Bradley

hands on FA Cup

**Excellence** 

STRUGGLING Willenhall Town have brought last season's top goalscorer, Mitch Fellows, back from Solihull Moors.
Fellows won the Midland Alliance Golden Boot with Town last year and has turned down other offers to return to his home club after Moors released him.
Fellows said: "It's great to be back.

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"All I want is regular first-team football — and to help my local team stay up."

The move comes at an ideal time after Saturday's display in the 7-0 hammering by Heath Hayes.

up Dennis Picketts who raced into the box, his shot was blocked by Dan Matthews but broke for Stewart who tucked the ball home from close range to put

Bartley Green on the score-sheet.

The first action of the second half came on 48 minutes, Bandurak chasing a lost cause, closing down a defender, whose clearance rebounding off the Wood player and over the bar.

### Expense

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On 61 minutes, Collingwood intercepted a crossfield ball on half way, ran on and fired wide. On 68 minutes an intricate left wing move ended with Nathan Bailey crossing into the box, the ball bounced around the box finally dropping for Carl Tromans to fire just over. On 89 minutes Bandurak played a 1-2 with Welnitzchuk and Lane pulled off a full length save pushing the ball round the post. Next it was Matt Steer racing into the box from wide left, his fierce low drive bringing another superb save by Lane.

From the corner the ball was played to Taylor Boyce who cut in and hit a scorching shot across keeper Lane and in off the far post.

Wood worked hard for their first win and fully deserved to take all three points to set up a derby away at Pelsall this Saturday in the quarter-final of the Staffs FA Vase.

# McCarrick hero as penalty saved

PERSHORE TOWN 0 CONTINENTAL STAR 0
Continental Star returned from Pershore
Town with a point from a highly entertaining
match, writes Adam Duffy.
The first real chance came on seven minutes
when Continental midfielder Tony Green
played a ball forward to striker Tobias Salmon,
who tried to lob the advancing keeper only for
the ball to sail over the bar.
On 12 minutes Star fullback Dwayne Robinson picked out Ibrahim Benjamin with a superb
ball over the top but his powerfully hit shot was
well held by Dave Adey in the home goal.

Fingertin Players get their

### Fingertip

YOUNG Walsall footballers were able to get their hands on the FA Cup. Wyrley Juniors FC – the largest junior club in Staffordshire – won the right to host the cup for five hours after the club won the national FA Charter Standard Community Club of the Year award. In September, the football club took ownership of its new Standard Community Club of the Year award. In September, the football club took ownership of its new Standard Community Club A minute later Continental had the best chance of the half when fullback Natty Brown made a busting run down the left wing superbly combining with Salmon to play a brilliant one-two pass splitting the Pershore defence, but his resulting shot went inches wide.

On 49 minutes Pershore's Cornes rattled the post, and they were awarded a penalty on 52 minutes following a tussle between Continental defender Dave Stewart and Stephen Webb.

The resulting spot kick by sub Nathan Jukes

The resulting spot kick by sub Nathan Jukes was superbly saved by McCarrick who dived down to his right to fingertip the ball round.

# Late strikes hit Villa

ARCHDALE 73 3 PELSALL VILLA 1

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TWO goals in two extra time minutes cost
Pelsall in this Les James frophy tie.
Archdale opened the scoring when a long ball
over the top saw Gary Price run clear and
smash the ball in from 12 yards.
Pelsall started the second half brightly and
the equaliser came with a gem of a goal from
Daniel Battison who pounced on a loose ball 35
yards out and beat the full-stretch Joyne.
In extra time, Pelsall were still appealing for
a free kick or off side as Mark Owen ran clear to
round Hughess and slot home.
Pelsall were rocking, and conceded a third
goal to Luke Williams from the edge of the box.

He said the club also has its part to play in nurturing young talent.

"We have got very strong links with Walsall and 20 youngsters go there each year with five or six getting into the centre of excellence" he added.

"Hopefully some of our youngsters can win it some day."



Martin Gethin holding his Boxercise class at Fitness First in Walsall Wood with Jan Morris, left, and Claire Brookhouse.

# Gym'll fix it for Gethin as title bid relaunched

WALSALL'S Martin Gethin is literally "living in the gym" ahead of his return next week after 19 months out of the ring. Gethin, 28 next Wednesday, steps through the ropes as a hometown hero at Walsall Town Hall next Friday, Novemthrough the ropes as a hometown hero at Walsall Town Hall next Friday, November 18, in a six-rounder against Poland's Arek Malek.

The two-time English lightweight champion has had a long lay-off with a back injury and now resumes his quest for a British title.

And a change in vocation has made all of the difference. After the injury, Gethin gave up his job labouring on a building site to work as a forklift truck driver.

Then came the opportunity to be self-employed as a personal trainer based at the Fitness First gym in Walsall Wood.

Regarded as an endurance fighter, Gethin has tapped into what he knows and, unsurprisingly, boxing has played its part.

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### Opening

He said: "It's what I need to become a British champion, I am always jumping in and doing something.
"My clients enjoy it. It's a hard session but they feel the benefits after.
"People ask me about boxing classes at the gym and this boxereise class is good, it's mainly women who come to get fit."

Gethin's bout with Malek is regarded as a tune-up and it's a match that almost happened in 2008, but Gethin opted instead to take on Nadeem Siddique.

Siddique was taken out in seven rounds and Gethin wants another knockout to send a message to champion Anthony Crolla. Tickets are available by calling 0845 1112900 or 07976 283157.

# into drop zone OLD WULFS 6 BLOXWICH 3 BLOXWICH hockey men's 1st XI took the lead after a nice counter attack, with Ed Marrocco finishing the move, writes David Symonds. Old Wulfs equalised after a defensive mistake, but Bloxwich retook the lead with Matt Baldwin deflecting the ball into the goal. Another defensive mistake helped Old Wulfs to equalise again, and the seesaw continued when Baldwin scored from a short corner. After another lapse in the Bloxwich defence they found themselves 4-3 down at half time. The second half started with Old Wulfs scoring, which killed any hopes of a Bloxwich fight back. More sloppy defending gave the home side their sixth goal and all three points. Bloxwich are now in the relegation zone.

CRESSWELL TIGERS U-9 10
PELSALL VILLA COLTS U-9 0
THREE hat-tricks from Jake Percival, man of the match Tyler Bishop and Jack Humphries and a goal from Myles
Lowe took Tigers to an emphatic win.

# Three hat-tricks have the Tigers roaring

CRESSWELL TIGERS U-9 6 TIPTON TOWN U-9 0
Goals from Myles Lowe (2), Tyler
Bishop (2), Jake Percival and Jack
Humphries gave the Tigers victory.
Great displays in defence and midfield
made Owen Chivers man of the match.

# **Sport**

# Battling Aldridge can have pride despite defeat

THE Aldridge pack put in one of their best displays of the season in this second round fixture of the North Midlands Junior Vase, writes Jim Chambors

Having the shove in the forwards and winning more than their fair share of lineout pos-session the first half definitely BIRMINGHAM CIVIL SERVICE 29 ALDRIDGE 13

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belonged to the visitors and to be only three points clear at the break seemed scant reward. It was Service who got on the scoreboard first with a penalty, but Aldridge hit straight back a minute later with a try in the

by fullback Ben Drinkwater.
The hosts went back in front
midway through the half,
centre Dan Callaghan crossing
close to the posts. Then No8
Terry Gibbs replied for
Aldridge, driving over out wide
off the back of a five metre
scrum, followed by an Adam

the break. An injury to fly-half Carter allowed the home side back into the game and Aldridge leaked a couple of soft tries. Callaghan, Ryan Burke and Lee Nixon crossed for the home side, and Lam Clarke converted two.

# **SUPERSUB JAM MAKES HIS PO**

ing his brilliant equaliser and admitted it was "weird" being lauded at Walsall. But the 19-year-old substitute labelled his first senior goal a "dream" after his strike bagged the Saddlers a gutsy 1-1 point at Huddersfield

on Saturday.

It kept the Saddlers out of the League One drop zone by a point, Lee Novak having prodded the hosts ahead with 24 minutes remaining. Youth product Patersonadmitted he didn't understand the hype surrounding him. He said: "It's weird, I have only started breaking into the team and it's happened quickly. Hopefully, I can keep putting in the performances. I don't really listen to what many people say. The gaffer talks to me and I know to keep calm myself anyway so it's not too difficult.

"Tve had a few opportunities to score in the last few games and the keeper has pulled off some good saves. It was good to open my account in an arena like that, it's what dreams are made of.

"Tve started quite a lot of games this season, to be fair, especially as I'm only 19. If the gaffer starts me, if he brings me off the bench I'll be ready. It's whatever the gaffer says and hone-

of.
"It's a bit of a blur, to be honest. Will (Grigg) got a good flick on, I saw the defender coming, flicked it over him and Γm not sure what happened after that. I just ran to the fans. It's a great feeling."

There has been a clamour to start the exciting

There has been a clamour to start the exciting attacker in games, but he insisted he understood why boss Dean Smith had held him back. Paterson said: "The gaffer said to me when I started and I was doing well 'you can't just keep playing every game." There's a gameplan and he can't just put me on and say 'run at people'. "Coming to a ground like Huddersfield you can't do that. Some games I'll come off the bench

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High-flyier Claude Gnapka wins a ball in the air



That's the equaliser for Saddlers as Jamie Paterson fires home in the second half

Every now and then comes a moment which offers a glimpse of a tantalising future and an offers a glimpse of a tantalising future and an exciting present.

A crystallising snapshot which allows you to forget winter woes and enjoy what you've just witnessed. Saturday's 1-1 draw at Huddersfield was one of those, lifting the gloom and revealing one of Walsall's worst-kept secrets. Enhanced

Enhanced

Jamie Paterson's point-saving cameo announced the youngster on the League One stage – in one of its grandest arenas.

The modest youngster described his strike as a "blur" after he flicked the ball over Liam Cooper, held off Damien Johnson and stroked past Ian Bennett.

He has been used sparingly, but boss Smith will now find it difficult not to include him. Paterson brings a spark and youthful exuberance which the Saddlers have so often lacked this term, going forward with such freedom that it makes him a joy to watch.

He is on the brink of making that leap from promising youngster to consistent performer but isn't there yet. He is too raw for that burden Andy Butler, the excellent Manny Smith and Anton Peterlin all impressed while David Grof's heroics ensured a point.

The stand-in keeper enhanced his reputation with a defiant display and three fine stops from 18-goal Jordan Rhodes.

He epitomised the grit and character throughout the team Last week Smith was criticised for his actions – no substitute goalkeeper and a half-time dismissal.

This time, though, he was untouchable. His own personal gunpowder plot designed to put a rocket under Huddersfield was executed with efficiency and poise.

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icket under Huddersheld was executed with friciency and poise. Walsall may have ridden their luck, they were ally entitled to their good fortune. The Saddlers raised their game again on Sat-



But Walsall hadn't read the script – Pater-son's equaliser rocked the Galpharm Stadium and Will Grigg almost snatched a win when Bennett parried his late lob. The Saddlers then survived a 90th-minute penalty shout when Jack Hunt tumbled under

Grigg's challenge but the defender was booked Grigg's challenge but the defender was booked for diving. A draw made it 42 league games unbeaten for Huddersfield – equalling Nottingham Forest's achievement under Brian Clough and just seven behind Arsenal's alltime record of 49.

Walsall: Grof, Beevers, Smith, Butler, Sadler Gnakpa (Jarvis 87), Wilson, Peterlin (Paterson 55), Taundry, Nicholls, Macken (Grigg 74).

Huddersfield Town: Bennett:

Clarke, Cooper, Woods; Arfield, Johnson Miller, Roberts; Novak, Rhodes, Man in the

Referee: Mr S Mathieson (Cheshire) Attendance: 13,005.



# Entertaining Walsall are knocked out

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THIS Staffordshire Cup match was an entertaining encounter between two teams who showed that they were always eager to play in an expansive style, writes Arnie Ecans.
The hosts were 6-0 ahead in as many minutes thanks to two Archer penalties. The visitors were rewarded when fullback Chris Mould waltzed through the Burton defence from 45 metres.
The hosts made a break from derpucks – fly half Luke Peach went over near the posts to make it 13-7.
Walsail got the next try. Halbert won a lineout ball off an opposition throw and quick passing to centre Roger Weston cut through the Burton defence. He found Matt Wood in support, the fly half delivered a well-timed pass to Rafa Ingelmo. The young Spaniard showed good speed and strength to score wide out, making it 13-12 at the interval.

As the second half started, Walsail

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As the second half started, Walsall seemed to score on a couple of occasions, but some decisions by the officials proved to be rather controversial

### Obstruction

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Burton notched a penalty, but eight minutes later the visitors got the score their play deserved with an attack which started from inside their own 22.

Wood linked with Ingelmo who made good ground before passing to Mould. Another good pass put Wood on a run towards the line. The ball was moved quickly from the breakdown and reached Alex Greenslade on the right wing. He found Dickson in support. The No8 was stopped just short of the line, but hooker Dan Clarke dived over for a try.

Despite an apparent knock-on and obstruction in midfield, Burton ran in a try. Walsall came back strongly and scored a superb try with eight minutes left. Winger Greenslade broke through two tackles and outpaced the defence over 50 metres. The hosts now had a 23-22 advantage, extended by a penalty and a converted interception try by Archer.

Walsall face Stratford at home on Saturday, Games kick off at 2.15pm from now on.

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day. Games kick off at 2.15pm from now on.

OLD COVENTRIANS 19 WALSALL COLTS 22

Walsall Colts gained a valuable league win in a superb game of rugby. Old Covs seemed to have the edge in terms of territory and possession, but Walsall were more clinical in their finishing through Ryan Dolan, Max Hughes and Robbie Edgar.

Ben Tipson put over two conversions and a penalty to give Walsall their seventh league win of the season. This Sunday Walsall entertain Camp Hill at Delves Road, with kick off at 1.30pm.

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Man of the match David Grof makes a save from much-vaunted Huddersfield attack

urday, even if the early exchanges were entirely predictable as only a trio of stops from Grof denied Rhodes. Walsall defended stoutly and should have stunned the hosts — but Jon Macken could only shoot tamely at Bennett when unmarked five yards out.

Lee Novak eventually prodded in Gary Roberts' low cross with just over 20 minutes

remaining.

But Walsall hadn't read the script – Pater-

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